Aid for Afghanistan

U.S. announces an additional \$308 million in aid for Afghanistan. **NEWS, PAGE 8**

Giants fire Judge

Giants coach Joe Judge is out after two years and 10-23 record. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

Warmer afternoon



Partly sunny and breezy, with a high of 34. **SPORTS, PAGE 6**



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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Poll: Most teachers feel unsafe

Experts say state's COVID-19 cases could peak by the weekend, but hospitalizations will lag

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

Despite COVID-19 hospitalizations in Connecticut approaching record highs and transmission of the virus still elevated, a Hartford HealthCare epidemiologist said Tuesday he expects the state's COVID-19 metrics will begin to subside this weekend.

Over the past four weeks, hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have more than tripled in Connecticut,

although in recent days, the rate of increase has begun to slow somewhat. On Tuesday, Connecticut's weekly COVID-19 test positivity rate declined for the first time in four weeks.

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford Health-Care, said he anticipates that the state's COVID-19 cases will peak around Jan. 15 and hospitalizations sometime later, around Jan. 21.

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70%

Seventy percent of educators said they did not have access to N95 masks or at-home rapid tests before returning from winter break, according to the survey. The union coalition has previously called on state leaders to mandate N95 masks for school staff. Thirty-seven percent of school staff said they work directly with students who are unable to wear a mask, making individual protection more critical.

Union desires remote option; employees plan to wear black to work today in protest of conditions

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

More than 60% of teachers, paraprofessionals and other staff say their schools lack the supplies and proper COVID-19 safety protocols to feel safe at work, according to a survey by a coalition of labor unions.

Despite state efforts to quickly distribute millions of N95 masks and at-home rapid tests, 70% of educators said they couldn't access them before returning to school on Jan. 3. More than half say administrators don't understand the myriad challenges they're facing.

Some unionized school staff will wear black to school on Wednesday to draw attention to growing safety concerns amid the latest surge in COVID-19 cases.

"There are places where things went really well, but that just wasn't the consistent experience across the state," Kate Dias, president of Connecticut Education

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Relatives from eastern Connecticut face sentencing for role in Jan. 6 attack



Supporters of President Donald Trump storm the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021. **KENNY HOLSTON/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

MOTHER, DAUGHTER PLEAD GUILTY IN RIOT

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

A mother and daughter from Canterbury pleaded guilty to a trespassing charge Tuesday for climbing into the U.S. Capitol with hundreds of others during what turned into a riot by supporters of former President Donald Trump on Jan. 6, 2021.

The women, Jean Lavin, 56, and her daughter, Carla Krzywicki, 19, said they went to Washington on a bus trip with a Facebook group to hear President Donald Trump speak about his election loss. After missing the speech because the bus driver got lost in New York, they followed the crowd to the Capitol, climbed into the Senate side of the building on an upended bicycle rack and wandered around for about six minutes.

According to charging documents in the case, an unidentified "complainant" tipped the FBI that the women had entered the Capitol after



Jean Lavin, 56, right, and her daughter, Carla Krzywicki, 19, at the Capitol. **COURTESY**

seeing a photograph Krzywicki posted to her Facebook account, with the explanation that they were making "history," and had "come for the officials that run our country." Krzywicki said in court Tuesday that she removed the posting after realizing the seriousness of the Capitol breach and the likelihood that she faced arrest.

The two face a maximum of six months in jail, five years of probation and a \$5,000 fine when they are sentenced on April 22. They also agreed to each pay \$500 in restitution for what federal prosecutors said is the \$1,495,326.55 of damage to the Capitol caused by the riot.

Lavin and Krzywicki pleaded guilty to parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building. Under their plea bargain agreement, federal prosecutors dropped three other charges involving entering a restricted building and disorderly, disruptive and violent conduct.

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ELECTION 2022GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Rivals dig into their war chests

Lamont and Klarides spend own money on polling and strategy

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With the election for Connecticut governor still 10 months away, the candidates have been spending their own money — particularly on polling — in the start of the battle as the 2022 race unfolds.

Gov. Ned Lamont, who spent more than \$40 million of his own money on three previous runs for statewide office, has contributed \$210,000 of his own money in personal checks to start the latest campaign apparatus.

One of Lamont's rivals — former House Republican leader Themis Klarides of Madison — has spent nearly \$400,000 of her own money in an exploratory campaign. Neither Klarides nor Bob Stefanowski, who lost narrowly to Lamont in 2018, has made an official announcement yet about entering the race.

Polling is a crucial expense as candidates try to craft their message and test the voters' views on issues like the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lamont is trying to win reelection and avoid a closer-than-expected race that happened to his friend, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy, a Democrat who barely beat back a challenge last year by a lesser-known candidate in a blue state where Democrat Joe Biden had defeated Republican Donald Trump by nearly 16 percentage points.

Lamont's biggest expense so far has been on polling. He paid more than \$66,000 to New York-based Global Strategy Group, a consulting firm that

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Hockey player's death spotlights importance of neck guards

In wake of tragedy, Connecticut coaches, officials wonder if equipment will be made mandatory

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

The E.O. Smith-Tolland hockey team gathered to talk about the tragic event in their sport last week, the event that hit so close to home.

The room fell silent. Then came the most important message the young players could receive following the death of Connecticut

high school hockey player Teddy Balkind on Thursday.

"When we have talked about it, it's an opportunity to remind kids," E.O. Smith-Tolland coach John Hodgson said. "Here is something you think is extra that you don't need, it's very rare that something like this happens, but when it does happen, it could be fatal. We had

a moment of silence, and then, 'so lets make sure we have all our gear

Balkind, 16, was playing in a junior varsity game for St. Luke's, a New Canaan-based prep school, last Thursday at Brunswick School in Greenwich when he fell to the ice. Another player who was near him was unable to stop and

collided with him. Game play was stopped and 911 was called. The 10th-grader was transported to Greenwich Hospital where he died as a result from the injury.

The Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner said Balkind died of an incised wound

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Police accountability panel gives recommendations

A task force created by the legislature approved proposals Tuesday that aim to improve the accountability, transparency and diversity of police departments. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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Governor

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often works on Democratic campaigns. The payments were made in late November and early December showing that Lamont got an early start soon after filing paperwork for governor on Nov. 8. Lamont initially hedged at an event in Ansonia on whether he was actually running, and then he made a stronger statement the next day.

Lamont declined to provide any details Tuesday on what he has learned from the polling.

"No, I got the political guys they're out there doing their own thing," Lamont said when asked by The Courant. "I've really got to focus on the state right now. That's going to be 100% of my focus. We've got a legislative session coming up. We've got a lot of infrastructure money. We've got a lot on our plate. That's going to be my focus."

Longtime Democratic political operative Roy Occhiogrosso worked for Global Strategy for 17 years, but he is no longer with the firm and is not working for the Lamont campaign.

Lamont also paid \$45,000 to Jones Mandel, a Seattle-based research firm that says it provides "political and competitive intelligence to Democratic candidates and party committees, issue advocacy groups" and others, including unions.

His public filing shows he paid \$8,000 for legal services to the Elias Law Group, which is known for specializing in voting rights, election law, and redistricting, among others.

State Republican chairman Ben Proto said the race has "been kind of quiet" in recent months, but he added that a dust-up Monday over a new GOP digital advertisement that criticized Lamont could be an indicator of more to come.

"I think we're going to start seeing a flurry of activity," Proto said Tuesday.

Another Republican candidate is Granby resident



Republican Themis Klarides, left, has spent nearly \$400,000 of her own money in the race for governor. Here, as the House GOP leader, Klarides hugs Gov. Ned Lamont in 2020 before he gave the State of the State address. Then-Senate GOP leader Len Fasano waves at right. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

Susan Patricelli Regan, an accomplished polo player, fox hunter, and international marketing executive. Regan, 77, has raised less than \$6,800 and had \$1,000 on hand as of Dec. 31, according to public records.

"Our Constitutional rights are being eroded," she says on her website. "Both the First and Second Amendments are attacked on a daily basis by those who want to silence us. The founders recognized the importance of these rights as they were placed 1 & 2 in the Constitution."

Stefanowski, who raised and spent \$6.59 million in the 2018 campaign, has not created a candidate committee. He declined to comment Tuesday on the amounts raised by the other candi-

In similar fashion to

"You have to have general consultants who are the organizers of the big picture of a race. Then you have a campaign manager who does the everyday stuff. I have a political director who is only part time at this point. And then a media firm who has done a lot of digital things. ... There's a lot to do."

Republican gubernatorial candidate Themis Klarides

Lamont, Klarides has paid major expenses to out-ofstate consultants with names that are not well known to the general public. Those include Maryland-based Strategic Partners & Media, New Jersey-based Tusk Productions LLC, Washington-based Percipient Strategies and Massachu-

setts-based North Point Associates LLC.

She also paid \$10,000 to Ross Garber, an occasional legal analyst on CNN who served as counsel to the governor's office during the impeachment of Republican Gov. John G. Rowland in 2004. Since then, Garber has been involved in various impeachments around the country, as well as political and legal cases.

One of her biggest expenses was \$60,000 to Battleground Strategies, whose consultants have worked on Republican campaigns for John McCain, Mitt Romney, Marco Rubio, and Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker. The firm's three principals have all been involved in Republican campaigns in Connecticut.

Klarides said in an interview that she needs a team of consultants to plan the various events, strategies and details for a statewide race in 169 towns. Despite having spent decades in politics, Klarides says she cannot do it alone on a complex campaign.

"I've done this for a while, but I don't know how to run

a governor's race," Klarides said. "You have to have general consultants who are the organizers of the big picture of a race. Then you have a campaign manager who does the everyday stuff. I have a political director who is only part time at this point. And then a media firm who has done a lot of digital things. ... There's a lot to do."

Unlike other candidates, Klarides has not filed a "candidate" or exploratory committee. Instead, she has filed papers that allow her to spend her own money, but she cannot raise money from anyone else. That would happen if she switches to a candidate committee — a technicality in the law but one that candidates eventually file for a full-blown campaign.

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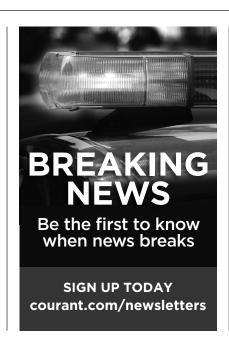
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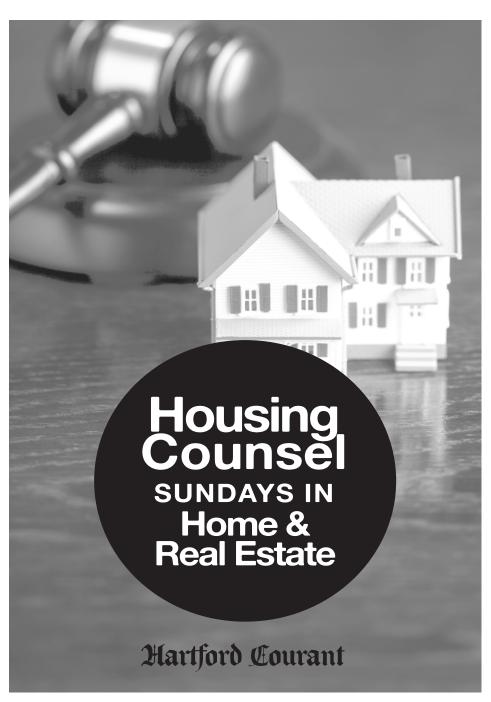
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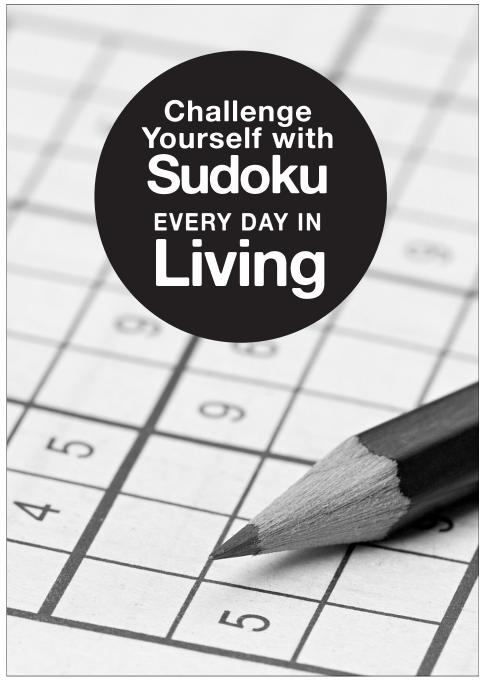
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Big chill: After subfreezing temps, state expected to warm up

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

An arctic blast pushed the temperature toward single digits in Connecticut Tuesday – with wind chills making it feel around zero prompting officials to delay classes and cancel outdoor events.

The temperature at Bradley International Airport at 6:15 a.m. was 12 degrees, but the wind was making it feel like 4 below, said Gary Lessor, chief meteorologist at the Connecticut Weather Center at Western Connecticut State University. In Hartford, the temperature was 15 degrees, and in Meriden it was 14; both cities had a wind chill that made it feel like 1.

Although it usually warms up when the sun rises, the temperature kept falling Tuesday, Lessor said. Some places were already in single digits by 8 a.m.

You're getting the cold air, and more arctic air is coming in," he said before dawn. "As we go through the morning, the temperature quickly will continue to drop. I thought it would be in the single digits by now."

In fact, the high temperature for Tuesday had already happened at 1 a.m., when it was 21 degrees in Hartford, 19 at Bradley and 22 in Meriden, Lessor said.

Things are expected to change Wednesday, when the forecast for Greater Hartford is for mostly sunny skies, with a high near 35, according to the National Weather Service. Also Wednesday, expect winds from the southwest at 7 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. Then on Wednesday expect it to be mostly cloudy, with a low around 25, according to

the weather service.

The normal high for Jan. 11 is 35 degrees, and the normal low is 19, Lessor said. The record low temperature was 14 below in 1988,

On Tuesday, some roads were icy. In Plainfield; a driver hit a patch of ice at 1:20 a.m., causing him to lose control of the Dodge Durango he was driving. The SUV crashed into a house, penetrating the wall and showering a sleeping 16-year-old with debris, police said. Neither the teen nor his mother was seriously injured; the

driver was taken to Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

Luckily, the cold snap was "just a one-day event," Lessor said. Although it would be frigid overnight, "we'll have a quick warmup tomorrow morning" and the temperature will be back in the mid-30s Wednesday. It should

reach the 40s by Thursday.
But another arctic blast is headed our way this weekend, he

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Virus

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Other experts have pointed to mid-January to late-January as the peak of the current surge.

Wu said that the recent plateau of cases and hospitalizations in New York City was an encouraging sign for Connecticut.

Just like we tend to lag the UK by a few months, we also lag New York by one-to-two weeks as well," he said. "If their cases are dropping, we should follow suit soon."

For now, Connecticut hospitals continue to treat large numbers of COVID-19 patients. As of Tuesday, Hartford HealthCare had 522 patients with the disease, about 30% of whom had been admitted for non-coronavirus reasons.

Symptoms continue to be most severe for unvaccinated patients, officials said.

Cases, positivity rate

Connecticut reported 6,751 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday out of 28,312 tests administered, for a daily positivity rate of 23.85%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 23.53%, a very slight decrease from Monday's rate of 23.55%, which was the highest of any point since widespread testing began more than 18 months ago. Tuesday's seven-day positivity rate marks the first decline of the metric since early December.

All eight Connecticut counties – along with nearly the entire rest of the country - are recording "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

Hospitalizations

As of Tuesday, Connecticut had 1,920 patients hospitalized with



Erica Texeira distributes at-home COVID-19 test kits at a Wethersfield High School drive-thru site Jan. 3. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

COVID-19, up 31 from Monday. Hospital officials say some of those patients were admitted for non-coronavirus reasons before testing positive upon arrival but that a majority have significant COVID-19 symptoms.

Connecticut is now just 52 hospitalized patients away from reaching the all-time high of 1,972 hospitalizations recorded on April 22,2020

According to state data, 67.3% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are not fully vaccinated. Hospital officials say the rate is significantly higher when considering only patients with severe symptoms.

Deaths

Connecticut reports COVID-19 deaths on Thursdays. Last week. the state recorded 121 deaths, bringing its total during the pandemic to 9.281.

The United States has now recorded 840,513 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations

As of Tuesday, 90.3% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 75.3% of all residents and 84.1% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the

Additionally, about 46.2% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses, likely inflating the reported number of first-dose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

Courant staff writer Alex Putterman contributed.

Riot

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Lavin carried a homemade sign that read "Trump Won" on one side and complained about seven states "hijacking our election" on the other. Under prodding by U.S. Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather, Lavin conceded her sign could have inspired rioting, but that was not her intention.

"At the time, it meant I didn't believe the election was being calculated correctly," Lavin told

She said she didn't want to carry the sign into the Capitol, but couldn't find a safe place to leave it.

After they were identified by law enforcement, the women provided the FBI with their cellphone numbers and investigators used the information, among other things, to track their prog-ress as they wandered through

the Capitol.

They climbed in through the Senate Wing door, were in the Capitol Crypt for about 6 minutes and walked to the Orientation Lobby before leaving the way they came in.

"Krzywicki stated that at one point, while inside the Capitol, her mother fell and that was when they both decided to leave the area," according to one of the charging documents.

FBI agents have arrested more than 700 people from across the country in connection with the Jan. 6 riot, most after they were identified through the thousands of hours of cellphone video posted during and after the event. Five people from Connecticut, including Lavin and Krzywicki, have been charged. The others are Patrick E. McCaughey of Ridgefield, Richard T. Crosby Jr. of Harwinton and Jeremy K. Baoche of New London.

Guards

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of the neck and ruled the death an accident, according to multiple media reports.

Balkind's death has brought forth waves of sympathy and support from the global hockey community but has also brought calls for change. In the case of the E.O. Smith-Tolland team and other CIAC schools, rules aimed at preventing such a tragedy have been in place since 2001.

"Commercially manufactured throat guards designed specifically for ice hockey are required for all players, including goaltenders during regular season and tournament play," the CIAC rules

St. Luke's and Brunswick play in the Fairchester Athletic Association, which, like most prep school conferences, follows the policy of USA Hockey and the NCAA, which recommend rather than require the wearing of neck guards.

The NCAA does not require neck gear on the ice," said John Hissick, who coaches at Kingswood Oxford in West Hartford, a Fairchester and New England Prep School Athletic Conference member. "And, so up until this point in time, I can't honestly say it's ever been an issue or even been discussed."

This much has changed. Hissick, whose child wears neck gear as required by youth hockey in Connecticut, said conversations are already taking place within the prep school conference.

"I honestly can't see how it can't change," he said. "... As a coach I don't have the authority to make those calls, even though I have to go by the rules that are given to me."

Over the weekend, Samuel Brande, a high school-age player from Wayland, Mass., and a close friend of Balkind's, began a Change.org petition asking USA Hockey to make neck guards mandatory.

"For most of my childhood I wore them," Brande told the Courant. "I stopped a couple of years back, and I'm not sure why, but since my friend's accident I've been wearing them. It's very important to me. My end goal is to get USA Hockey to change the rule across the board across the country. In order to do that, show that people care about his issue."

As of Tuesday afternoon, Brande's petition had more than 50,000 supporters. Stores selling hockey equipment in the area have seen an increase in customers looking to buy protective equipment.

"There is definitely an influx of families coming in concerned about safety," said Dan Larochelle of Pure Hockey in West Hartford.

Neck guards are generally made of a high impact plastic, such as lexan or Kevlar, or a ballistic nylon designed to resist cuts. They are lightweight and cover most of the neck, attaching with Velcro in the back. It is not known for certain whether Balkind was wearing a throat guard.

"Just as fatal as a head injury can be, we just saw a neck injury can be just as fatal," Brande said.

"We wear helmets, so why don't we wear neck guards? The neck is one of the more vulnerable spots on the body when we're playing hockey."

Samuel Brande, a high schoolage player from Wayland, Mass.

"We wear helmets, so why don't we wear neck guards? The neck is one of the more vulnerable spots on the body when we're playing hockey. It doesn't make sense to me. I don't see a downside. It's keeping us safe and the one I'm wearing I don't even know it's

In CIAC games, players not wearing proper neck protection are subject to penalty, usually after one warning. Referees will likely be reminded to watch more

"I haven't found it to be a big issue with kids," Hodgson said. "It's a minor inconvenience for a high school kid sometimes, but if you make it a part of the deal they just do it. You have something wrapped around your neck, most of us don't go through the day like that, so you do feel it. But you have your body full of gear, so I don't think it has a major impact."

The danger of playing hockey without throat protection has been well known for more than 30 years. On March 22, 1989, Buffalo Sabres goalie Clint Malarchuk nearly died when his throat was sliced by a skate, severing his carotid artery and partially cutting his jugular. The massive amount of blood on the ice caused several spectators to faint. Sabres athletic trainer Jim Pizzutelli, who had been an U.S. Army combat medic in Vietnam, pinched and held Malarchuk's neck until doctors arrived, saving

Bengt Akerblom, playing in the Swedish Elite League, died when his neck was slashed by a skate in 1995. In 2008, the Florida Panthers' Richard Zednik suffered a similar, potentially life-threating injury, requiring emergency surgery to repair his carotid artery. Many NHL goalies now wear neck guards, but they are not mandatory equipment and are not widely worn by skaters.

Brande, who plays with the South Shore Kings in the U.S. Premier Hockey League, would like to see the NHL set an example. "That would shed so much light on the issue," he said.

In 2017, a neck guard appeared to save the life of Canadian teenager Cassidy Gordon, who was injured but not severely cut as she was hit in the neck by a skate.

"No matter how stupid or not cool you think it looks, it's definitely an important thing to wear because it's the difference between having an injury that can end your career, even your life, and just being safe," Gordon told the CBC.

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Teachers

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Association, the state's largest teacher's union, said in a state-

"I had schools that opened this week and still didn't have masks, and that's problematic," Dias said.

The Board of Education Union Coalition, which represents over 60,000 public education employees in Connecticut, received responses from more than 5,500 school staff between Jan. 7 and Jan. 10.

Union staff want remote option

Union leaders insist that staff agree with the well-documented benefits of in-person instruction, which experts say cannot be replicated even by high-quality

And school closures also prompt questions related to equity: studies suggest achievement gaps, already prevalent within public schools, have only widened during the pandemic.

Black, Indigenous, Latino and low-income students were hit the hardest by last year's mostly remote learning methods, according to data released last summer by NWEA, a nonprofit testing group.

But the union's survey results suggest staff members continue to doubt whether in-person instruction can be done safely, particularly during times of high community According to the union survey,

nearly 90% of school staff believe superintendents should have the ability to implement remote instruction days in the short term, without having to make them at the end of the year.

Several school districts closed last week due to COVID-19-related absences among educators, bus drivers and other school staff. In Waterbury, where schools were closed Monday due to COVID-19, the district reported that 241 staff members tested positive for COVID-19 and 343 were absent on Tuesday, Dias said.

"The complete shutdown of school buildings — and even entire districts — because of staffing shortfalls could and should have

been avoided," Jan Hochadel, AFT Connecticut President, said in a

On Monday, Chicago Teachers Union leaders and district officials reached an agreement that will allow individual schools to move online when dealing with a certain number of staff or student absences, if there's high transmission in the

In Connecticut, school districts lack such a mechanism. State law only views remote learning as an adequate replacement for students who need to quarantine, or for those who live with vulnerable family members, but not for entire schools.

The remote option has gained traction with lawmakers in Connecticut, but there has been some confusion over who has the authority to recognize remote learning days as counting toward the 180 required by law.

The Black and Puerto Rican Caucus of the state legislature recently wrote to the state Department of Education to request that superintendents be given the flexibility to pivot to short-term remote learning.

But the department cannot allow superintendents to do so, according to Charlene Russell-Tucker, department commissioner.

Connecticut does not have a remote learning provision for this school year, she said. Closures due to COVID-19-related staff shortages are treated like snow days, and must be made up at the end of the year.

Only Gov. Ned Lamont has the authority to recognize remote learning days as counting toward 180, Dias said, but the governor has repeatedly emphasized his commitment to keeping schools open.

"We recognize there continues to be staff and faculty disruption when it comes to COVID-19," Lamont spokesperson Max Reiss said Monday. "At the same rate, we're trying to provide things like rapid tests, additional in-person testing capacity and N95 masks to provide additional protection and an understanding of the virus at the school level"

The remote learning option would be "a tool in the toolbox," union leaders said, to help some communities mitigate the risks posed by COVID-19 while students and staff access staff.

"Nobody wants to go back

to full-time remote, or even an extended remote experience," Dias said. Still, she said she wonders why the "door is completely closed" to remote learning, particularly after many schools invested heavily in online infrastructure last year.

Mask scarcity

In addition to 70% of educators, 64% of paraprofessionals and 57% of support staff said they did not have access to N95 masks or at-home rapid tests before returning from winter break, according to the survey.

The union coalition has previously called on state leaders to mandate N95 masks for school staff. Thirty-seven percent of school staff said they work directly with students who are unable to wear a mask, making individual protection more critical.

Though doctors typically don't recommend N95 masks for schoolaged children, health experts say they provide more protection than other kinds of masks.

The CDC is reportedly considering whether to update its mask guidance to recommend KN95s or N95s, given the omicron variant's

high level of transmissibility. Whatever the guidance, Dias said, her members will follow. "We just really want what's guided to us to be available to us," Dias said.

Connecticut teachers are committed to continuing to show up for work, union leaders say, despite their concerns. According to the survey 70% educators said their district is not balancing their professional expectations with their social and emotional needs.

Teachers are encouraged to wear black to school on Wednesday to support the extensive safety protocols promoted by the Board of Education Union Coalition.

Others will wear red to signal their support for safe, in-person learning. Dias said she hopes the action brings attention to "the tremendous effort of our educators," and prompts discussions on how to make more safety supplies available.

"These schools are open because these teachers have continuously showed up, regardless of the resources available to them," Dias WWW.COURANT.COM

Biden draws line against filibuster

President calls for Senate to drop rules to pass voting bills

By Alexandra Jaffe, **Colleen Long** and Jeff Amy Associated Press

ATLANTA — Pounding his fist for emphasis, President Joe Biden challenged senators Tuesday to "stand against voter suppression," urging them to change Senate rules in order to pass voting rights legislation that Republicans are blocking from debate and votes.

Biden told a crowd in Atlanta that he'd been having quiet conversations with senators for months over the two bills — a lack of progress that has brought him criticism from activists in his own party.

"I'm tired of being quiet!" he shouted. "I will not yield. I will not flinch."

Current rules require 60 votes to advance most legislation — a threshold that Senate Democrats can't meet alone because they only have a 50-50 majority with Vice President Kamala Harris to break ties.

Republicans unanimously oppose the voting rights measures.

And not all Democrats are on board with changing the filibuster rules.

Conservative West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin threw cold water on the idea Tuesday, saying he believes any changes should be made with substantial Republican buv-in.

And even if Democrats clear the obstacles to passage of the voting rights laws, it could be too late to counter widespread voting restrictions passed in 19 states



President Joe Biden speaks about the need to pass stalled voting rights legislation Tuesday in Atlanta. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

following former President Donald Trump's 2020 loss and his lies — embraced by many in the GOP — that the election was stolen through voter fraud.

"This matters to all of us." he insisted. "The goal of the former president and his allies is to disenfranchise anyone who votes against him, simple as that."

Biden spent decades in the Senate, and he spoke of how much it's changed for the worse, calling it "a shell of its former self. It gives me no satisfaction to say that as an institutionalist."

He spoke of an era not long ago when an issue like voting rights would never have been so rancorously partisan.

He recalled working with notorious segregationist lawmakers in the Senate to get legislation passed and for it then to be signed into law by Republican presidents. But now, the filibuster has been used rampantly to block even the debating of some legislation.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has set next Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a deadline to either pass voting legislation or consider revising the rules around the chamber's filibuster blocking device.

Biden told his audience: "The next few days, when these bills come to a vote,

will mark a turning point in this nation."

"Will we choose democracy over autocracy, light over shadow, justice over injustice? I know where I stand. I will not yield. I will not flinch," he declared. "I will defend your right to vote and our democracy against all enemies foreign, yes and domestic! And so the question is where will the institution of the United States Senate stand?"

Biden on Tuesday also paid tribute to civil rights battles past - visiting Atlanta's historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. once held forth from the pulpit. He stood quietly

as Martin Luther King III placed a wreath outside at the crypt of King and his wife, Coretta Scott King. And he referenced civil rights battles of the 1960s in his animated speech on the grounds of Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University.

Harris spoke before Biden on Tuesday, warning that a barrage of laws making it tougher to vote means there is "a danger of becoming accustomed to these laws, a danger of adjusting to these laws as though they are normal."

"There is nothing normal about a law that makes it illegal to pass out water or food to people standing in long voter laws," she said, to cheers.

Some voting rights advocates boycotted Biden's speech. Georgia Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, known for her untiring voting rights work, also skipped the event. Aides said Abrams had a conflict but didn't explain further, though she tweeted support for the president.

Biden said before his trip the two had a scheduling mix-up but had spoken and were "all on the same page."

When asked what he was risking politically by speaking out when there aren't enough votes to change the rules, he said: "I risk not saying what I believe. That's what I risk. This is one of those defining moments. It really is. People are going to be judged on where were they before and where were they after the vote. History is going to judge us."

Voting rights advocates in Georgia and nationwide are increasingly anxious about what may happen in 2022 and beyond. They view the changes in many states as a subtler form of ballot restrictions like literacy tests and poll taxes once used to disenfranchise Black voters, a key Democratic constituency.

Republicans who have fallen in line behind Trump's election misinformation are separately promoting efforts to influence future elections by installing sympathetic leaders in local election posts and by backing for elective office some of those who participated in the riot at the U.S. Capitol a year ago.

Congressional Democrats have written voting legislation to create national election standards that would trump state-level GOP laws.

Health leaders back Biden on response to omicron

Lawmakers irked by scarcity of tests, muddled guidance

By Noah Weiland and Sharon LaFraniere The New York Times

Top federal health officials Tuesday defended the Biden administration's efforts to protect Americans against the highly contagious omicron variant as they faced withering accusations from lawmakers about scarce coronavirus tests and confusing guidance on how people who tested positive for the virus could return to normal life.

Joined by the heads of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Food and Drug Administration, Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, called the wave of omicron cases a "massive, unprecedented surge."

'This is an extraordinary virus, the likes of which we have not seen even close to in well over 100 years. It is a very wily virus," one that has "fooled everybody all the time, from the time it first came in, to delta, to now omicron," Fauci said.

"We're doing the best we possibly can," he added. At one point during

the hearing, Fauci angrily accused a senator of making false accusations that are leading to threats against him — all to raise political cash.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., has repeatedly said Fauci lies about the pandemic and in a hearing Tuesday also claimed that he tried to "take down" some scientists who disagreed with him.

Paul and other conservative critics have focused their ire at how the pandemic is being handled on Fauci, the National Institutes of Health infectious disease chief. Fauci has needed increased security since 2020 because of threats and harassment against him and his family.

On Tuesday, Fauci expressed frustration that the senator still "accuses me of things that are completely untrue" and "kindles the crazies out there."

Fauci said that Paul's website has a "fire Dr. Fauci" page that includes a call for political contributions ranging from \$5 to \$100.

"You are making a catastrophic epidemic for your political gain," he said.

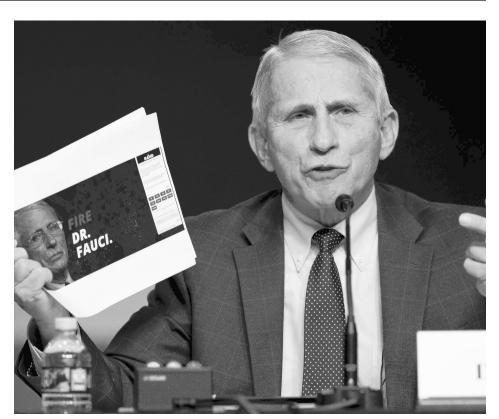
The feud overshadowed the hearing of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee designed to examine if policy changes are needed as omicron cases surge.

Among the chief complaints of Republicans and Democrats alike is a continuing lack of tests to make it easier for people to tell if they have COVID-19 so they can stay home and not spread it.

"I just say to all of you right now, testing's broken," said an exasperated Sen. Richard Burr of North Carolina, the committee's ranking member.

Burr said the Biden administration had spent months issuing confusing, contradictory recommendations. He cited zigzagging guidance on booster shots and noted that this month Fauci had publicly contradicted Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC director, in suggesting the agency's guidance on isolation for those who had tested positive would be revised to include a testing recommen-

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the committee's top Democrat, praised the administration's efforts to supply vaccines and treatments to Americans but said health workers are still spread thinly two years in, and schools are "worried they'll have to shut down again if they can't get the support for testing they



Dr. Anthony Fauci shows a screen grab of a campaign website while answering questions from Sen. Rand Paul during a contentious exchange on Tuesday. GREG NASH/POOL VIA GETTY-AFP

Still, Burr and several other lawmakers on both sides of the aisle also thanked Fauci for his work to fight the pandemic.

The nearly four-hour hearing took place at a critical inflection point in the nation's fight against the pandemic. The coupling of the delta variant with omicron has driven an extraordinary climb in cases.

"It's hard to process what's actually happening right now, which is, most people are going

to get COVID," Dr. Janet Woodcock, acting commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, said.

Federal and state health officials have been particularly worried that hospitals could be overrun, especially with many staff members out sick and intensive care units still overflowing.

On average over the past seven days, more than 135,000 people were hospitalized with the virus, an 83% increase from two weeks ago.

Later in Tuesday's hear-

ing, Fauci lost his temper when Sen. Roger Marshall, R-Kan., accused him of hiding financial disclosure forms required of public officials.

"You're so misinformed that it's extraordinary," Fauci responded, saying those documents are publicly available upon request.

As the exchange ended, Fauci could be heard muttering off-camera, "What a moron."

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Matthew Olsen testifies before lawmakers Tuesday. MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Justice Dept. creating unit focused on domestic terrorism

By Eric Tucker Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is establishing a specialized unit focused on domestic terrorism, the department's top national security official told lawmakers Tuesday as he described an "elevated" threat from violent extremists in the United States.

Assistant Attorney General Matthew Olsen. testifying days after the nation observed the first

anniversary of the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, said the number of FBI investigations into suspected domestic violent extremists has more than doubled since the spring of 2020.

"We have seen a growing threat from those who are motivated by racial animus, as well as those who ascribe to extremist anti-government and anti-authority ideologies," Olsen said. Olsen's assessment

tracked with a warning last March from FBI Direc-

tor Christopher Wray, who testified that the threat was "metastasizing." Jill Sanborn, the executive assistant director in charge of the FBI's national security branch who testified alongside Olsen, said Tuesday the greatest threat comes from lone extremists who radicalize online and look to carry out violence at so-called "soft targets."

The department's National Security Division, which Olsen leads, has a counterterrorism section.

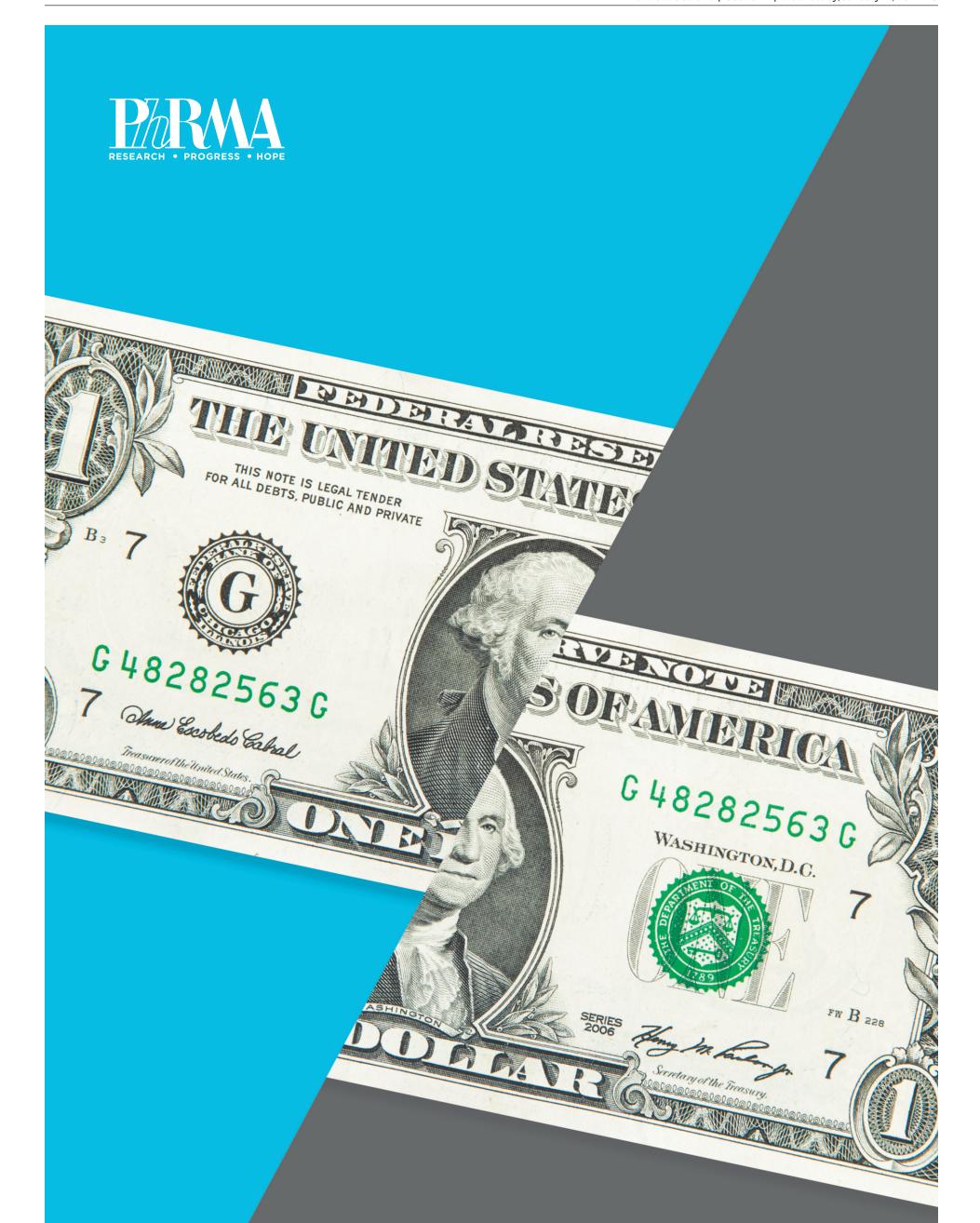
But Olsen told the Senate Judiciary Committee that he has decided to create a specialized domestic terrorism unit "to augment our existing approach."

The formulation of a new unit underscores the extent to which domestic violence extremism, which for years after the Sept. 11 attacks was overshadowed by the threat of international terrorism, has attracted urgent attention inside the federal

government. But the issue remains

politically freighted, in part because the absence of a federal domestic terrorism statute has created ambiguities as to precisely what sort of violence meets that

Several Republican senators, for instance, suggested Tuesday that the FBI and the Justice Department had given more attention to the Jan. 6 insurrection than to the 2020 rioting that erupted in American cities and grew out of racial justice protests.



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Biden takes low profile on Gitmo

Critics rankled as detention center marks anniversary

By Ben Fox Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Advocates for closing the Guantanamo Bay detention center were optimistic when President Joe Biden took office. And they were relieved this summer after the U.S. released a prisoner for the first time in years. Many are now increasingly impatient.

In the months since that release, there have been few signs of progress in closing the notorious offshore prison on the U.S. base in Cuba.

That has led to increased skepticism about Biden's approach as the administration completes its first year and the detention center reached a milestone on Tuesday — the 20th anniversary of the first prisoners' arrival.

"President Biden has stated his intention to close Guantanamo as a matter of policy but has not taken substantial steps toward closure," said Wells Dixon, an attorney with the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights, which has long taken a leading role in challenging the indefinite confinement without charge at the base.

"There's a lot of impatience and a lot of frustration among advocates and people who have been watching this," said Daphne Eviatar, director of the security with the human rights program at Amnesty International USA.

Without a more concerted effort, those who want the center to close fear a repeat of what happened under President Barack Obama. Obama made closing Guantanamo a signature issue from his first days in office. but managed only to shrink it in the face of political opposition in Congress.



The 20th anniversary of the first prisoners' arrival at the Guantanamo Bay detention center was Tuesday. There are 39 prisoners left. LYNNE SLADKY/AP

"We can't forget what this country did 20 years ago and is continuing to do today," Eviatar said. "This administration has a lot on its plate, certainly, but this is such an egregious human rights offense.

There are 39 prisoners left. It's the fewest since the detention center's earliest days, when the initial groups, suspected of having a connection to al-Qaida or the Taliban, arrived on flights from Afghanistan – hooded, shackled and clad in orange jumpsuits - to what at the time was a sleepy U.S. outpost on the southeastern coast of Cuba.

Guantanamo became the focus of international outrage because of the mistreatment and torture of prisoners and the U.S. insistence that it could hold men indefinitely without charge for the duration of a war against al-Qaida that seemingly has no end. The critics grew to include Michael Lehnert, a now retired Marine Corps major general who was tasked with opening the detention center but came to believe that holding mostly low-level fighters without charge was counter to American values and interests.

"To me, the existence of Guantanamo is anathema to everything that we represent, and it needs to be closed for that reason," Lehnert said.

At its peak, in 2003, the detention center held nearly 680 prisoners. President George W. Bush released more than 500 and Obama freed 197 before time ran out on his effort to whittle down the popula-

President Donald Trump rescinded the Obama order to close Guantanamo, but largely ignored the place. He pledged during his first campaign to "load it up with some bad dudes" but never sent anyone there and said the annual cost of operating the detention center was "crazy," at around \$13 million per prisoner.

Of the remaining prisoners, 10 face trial by military commission in proceedings that have bogged down for

They include Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, the self-proclaimed mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks. Two others still at Guantanamo have been sentenced and one of them, former Maryland resident Majid Khan, is expected to complete his sentence next month.

The other 27 include 13 who have been cleared for release, including eight under Biden who could now be returned to their homeland or resettled else-

Two dozen have not been cleared and have never

been charged, and likely never will be, a status that some Republicans continue to defend, including in a Senate hearing last month.

"We're not fighting a crime. We're fighting a war. I don't want to torture anybody. I want to give them due process consistent with being at war, and, if necessary, I want to hold them as long as it takes to keep us safe or we believe that they're no longer a threat," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

A senior Biden administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal policy, said the National Security Council is "actively" working with the Defense, State and Justice departments and other agencies to reduce the population within restrictions imposed by Congress.

The restrictions include a ban on returning prisoners to certain countries, including Yemen and Somalia, or sending any to the U.S., even for further imprisonment.

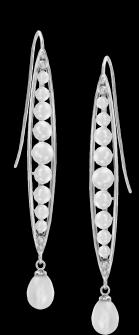
One sign of progress is the eight approved for release through a review process created under Obama. Under Trump, just one detainee was cleared and the only release was a Saudi sent back to his homeland as part of an earlier military commission plea deal.

Critics want the Biden administration to get busy repatriating or resettling the detainees who have been cleared and to restore a State Department unit devoted to the effort that was eliminated under Trump.

"Until I see some visible signs that the administration is going to do something about it, I am not heartened," said Lehnert, the retired Marine Corps general. "If there is somebody in charge of closing Guantanamo, I have not talked to anybody that knows who they are."

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Deadly Border Patrol chases on rise

Trend stirs questions about tactics against fleeing smugglers

By Eileen Sullivan The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Angie Simms had been searching for her 25-year-old son for a week, filing a missing persons report and calling anyone who might have seen him, when the call came in August.

Her son, Erik Molix, was in a hospital in El Paso, Texas, where he was strapped to his bed, on a ventilator and in a medically induced coma.

Molix had suffered head trauma after the SUV he was driving with nine immigrants in the country illegally inside rolled over near Las Cruces, New Mexico, while Border Patrol agents pursued him at speeds of up to 73 mph. He died Aug. 15, nearly two weeks after the crash; even by then, no one from the Border Patrol or any other law enforcement or government agency had contacted his family.

The number of migrants crossing the border illegally has soared, with the Border Patrol recording the highest number of encounters in more than six decades in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. With the surge has come an increase in deaths and injuries from high-speed chases by the Border Patrol. a trend that Customs and Border Protection, which oversees the Border Patrol. attributes to a rise in brazen smugglers trying to flee its

agents.
From 2010 to 2019, high-speed chases by the Border Patrol resulted in an average of 3.5 deaths a year, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. In 2020, there were 14 such deaths; in 2021, there were 21, the last on Christmas.

The agency recorded more than 700 "use of force" incidents on or near



Angie Simms, mother of Erik Molix, and ACLU attorney Shaw Drake on Dec. 4 visit the site of a crash near Las Cruces, N.M., where an SUV driven by her son rolled over during a pursuit by the Border Patrol. Molix died. **SHARON CHISCHILLY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

the southern border in the last fiscal year. Customs and Border Protection does not disclose how many of those ended in death or how many high-speed chases take place each year.

Crossing the border without documentation or helping people do so is full of risk regardless of the circumstances, and stopping such crossings — and smugglers — is central to the Border Patrol's job.

But the rising deaths raise questions about how far the agency should go with pursuits of smugglers and immigrants, and when and how agents should engage in high-speed chases.

Customs and Border Protection has yet to provide Simms, a fifth-grade teacher in El Paso, with an explanation of what happened to her son. She saw a news release it issued two weeks after the crash; officials say it is not the agency's responsibility to explain. She said she understood that officials suspected her son was involved in illegal activity, transporting immigrants

entering the country illegally.

"But that doesn't mean you have to die for it," she said.

Customs and Border Protection, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security, has a policy stating that agents and officers can conduct highspeed chases when they determine "that the law enforcement benefit and need for emergency driving outweighs the immediate and potential danger created by such emergency driving."

The ACLU argues that the policy, which the agency publicly disclosed for the first time last month, gives agents too much discretion in determining the risk to public safety.

In a statement to The New York Times, Alejandro Mayorkas, secretary of homeland security, said that while "CBP agents and officers risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe," the Homeland Security Department "owes the public the fair, objective

and transparent investigation of use-of-force incidents to ensure that our highest standards are maintained and enforced."

But previously unreported documents and details of the crash that killed Molix shed light on what critics say is a troubling pattern in which the Border Patrol keeps its operations opaque, despite the rising human toll of aggressive enforcement actions.

Early Aug. 3, a Border Patrol agent saw an SUV traveling slowly just north of Las Cruces with what appeared to be a heavy load, according to a report from the New Mexico State Police.

When the SUV swerved to avoid a Border Patrol checkpoint, on a stretch of road 70 miles north of the border, the agent and a colleague in a separate car started chasing it. They pursued it for about 1 mile before one of them "clipped the vehicle, and it rolled," according to local emergency dispatch records. The SUV was carrying people

from Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, and eight of its 10 occupants were ejected. An Ecuadorean man later died, as did Molix.

The New Mexico State Police was among the agencies that responded to the crash. Body camera footage from a state police officer captured one of the Border Patrol agents saying: "Our critical incident team is coming out. They'll do all the crime scene stuff — well, not crime scene, but critical incident scene."

The agent said that he and his colleague would give statements to the team, which it would share with police.

Critical incident teams are rarely mentioned by Customs and Border Protection or the Border Patrol. There is no public description of the scope of their authority.

Luis Miranda, a spokesman for Customs and Border Protection, said the teams consist of "highly trained evidence collection experts" who gather and process evidence for investigations, including inquiries into human smuggling and drug trafficking. He also said the teams assist in investigations conducted by the agency's Office of Professional Responsibility, which looks into claims of agent misconduct and is akin to internal affairs divisions of police departments.

Another Homeland Security official, who was authorized to speak to a reporter about the teams on the condition that the official's name was not used, confirmed another role they have: collecting evidence that could be used to protect a Border Patrol agent and "help deal with potential liability issues," such as a future civil lawsuit.

Customs and Border Protection officials said the El Paso sector's critical incident team merely helped with measurements for a reconstruction of the crash outside Las Cruces: the Office of Professional Responsibility, they said, is investigating the incident. Yet a member of the El Paso critical incident team reached out to the state police in the days after the crash seeking the department's full report for its own Border Patrol administrative review, according to an email released by the state police.

Border Patrol encounters that result in injury or death can be investigated by multiple entities: the FBI, state and local law enforcement, the Homeland Security Department's inspector general or Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and the Office of Professional Responsibility, where most such incidents land for review

But the findings on individual cases are rarely disclosed; such investigations tend to yield few public details beyond total numbers, which show only a fraction result in some type of discipline.



A nurse checks the weight of a child near Herat, Afghanistan. Severe acute malnutrition among children in two provinces is up sharply, aid workers say. MSTYSLAV CHERNOV/AP 2021

US pledges \$308M in new aid with Afghanistan facing crisis

By Aamer Madhani Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States on Tuesday announced \$308 million in additional humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan, offering new aid to the country as it edges toward a humanitarian crisis since the Taliban takeover nearly five months ago.

White House national security council spokesperson Emily Horne said in a statement that the new aid from the U.S. Agency for International Development will flow through independent humanitarian organizations and will be used to provide shelter, health care, winterization assistance, emergency food aid, water, sanitation and hygiene services.

The country's long-troubled economy has been in a tailspin since the Taliban takeover. Nearly 80% of Afghanistan's previous government's budget came from the international community. That money, now cut off, financed hospitals, schools, factories and government ministries. Desperation for such basic necessities has been

further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as health care shortages, drought and malnutrition.

The International Rescue Committee, a global humanitarian aid organization, said community health workers it supports have reported seeing a sharp increase in the number of children with severe acute malnutrition in Khost and Herat provinces.

The group also reported that food prices in Afghanistan have risen by an estimated 10% to 20% compared with the previous five years.

The IRC's president and CEO, David Milliband, said the "cause of today's humanitarian disaster is clear: the economic tourniquet applied to Afghanistan."

"It is way past time for a change of approach," he said.

The USAID called on the Taliban to allow "all aid workers, especially women ... to operate independently and securely" as humanitarian groups look to assist those suffering. Separately, the United

Separately, the United Nations 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan for Afghanistan, unveiled Tuesday, found the country requires \$4.4 billion in funding, the largest humanitarian appeal ever launched for a country.

The new Biden administration commitment brings U.S. humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan to more than \$780 million since the chaotic ending of the 20-year-old war in August. The United Nations says 22% of Afghanistan's 38 million people are living near famine and another 36% are facing acute food insecurity.

In addition, the White House pledged that it would send Afghanistan 1 million additional COVID-19 vaccine doses through COVAX, an initiative by the World Health Organization to improve access to vaccines. With the new influx of doses, the U.S. will have sent 4.3 million doses to Afghanistan, which has struggled to deal with the unrelenting pandemic.

International funding to Afghanistan was suspended and billions of dollars of the country's assets abroad, mostly in the United States, were frozen after the Taliban took control of the country in mid-August.

Johnson accused of flouting UK pandemic lockdown rules

By Mark Landler and Stephen Castle The New York Times

LONDON — If Prime Minister Boris Johnson of Britain had hoped to put a perilous stretch of political and ethical blunders behind him this year, his hopes were dashed Tuesday by a fresh kerfuffle: a garden party at 10 Downing Street that violated his own government's pandemic lockdown rules.

The British news media reported that as many as 100 staff members were invited to a "bring your own booze" party in the backyard of Johnson's residence in May 2020 as officials were instructing people not to socialize with more than a single person outside their families in a bid to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

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Johnson has not denied that he and his wife, Carrie, attended the gathering, which drew about 30 guests. If true, that would belie his claim in Parliament last year that he was told there were no Downing Street parties that breached social-distancing rules.

The Metropolitan Police have indicated they may investigate.

It is the latest, potentially most dangerous, disclosure yet for Johnson, reviving doubts about his truthfulness, and fueling accusations that he and his top aides do not live by the rules they impose on the public. The ceaseless turmoil has stoked speculation that he could face an internal leadership challenge this year.

"He can run but he can't hide," the deputy leader of the opposition Labor Party, Angela Rayner, declared Tuesday in Parliament, where the prime minister dispatched a lower-level official in his place to take questions. "The public have already drawn their own conclusions."

Johnson and his Conser-



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson reportedly held a party in May 2020 at his Downing Street residence in violation of his own government's rules. **JACK HILL/POOL VIA AP**

vative Party have swooned in the polls amid almost weekly reports of illicit, after-work festivities at Downing Street.

The allegations, analysts say, have cut through the typical scandal-of-the-moment furor that normally fades with the next day's headlines, resonating with a British populace that still remembers the pandemic sacrifices it was asked to make.

For Johnson, this crisis shows all the signs of sticking around. He is also facing scandals involving the costly interior decoration of his Downing Street apartment and his ill-fated defense of an ethically challenged Conservative lawmaker.

In December, nearly 100 Conservative lawmakers rebelled against Johnson's new COVID-19 restrictions, fueling speculation that his grip on power was at risk. But that crisis ebbed over the Christmas holiday, and last week many Conservative lawmakers praised Johnson for resisting calls for tighter curbs.

The latest scandal, the disclosure of the party on May 20, 2020, came in a blog post by Johnson's former chief adviser,

Dominic Cummings, who has waged a one-man campaign to discredit the prime minister since he was fired by him late that year. Cummings said he did not attend the gathering — though he did embarrass the government with his own violation of lockdown rules — and raised questions about the wisdom of holding it, as did another senior adviser in the prime minister's office.

British broadcaster ITV published what it said was an email invitation to the party from Johnson's principal private secretary, Martin Reynolds. In it, he said, "we thought it would be nice to make the most of the lovely weather and have some socially distanced drinks in the No 10 garden this evening."

The BBC reported that two witnesses said they saw the prime minister, who had recently endured a life-threatening case of COVID-19, and his wife at the party. It happened on a day when Britain reported 363 deaths from COVID-19 and a government minister, Oliver Dowden, told the public, "You can meet one person outside of your household in an outdoor public place."

Omicron wave may be set to crash

Scientists see signals of variant peaking in the US and Britain

By Maria Cheng and Carla K. Johnson Associated Press

Scientists are seeing signals that COVID-19's alarming omicron wave may have peaked in Britain and is about to do the same in the U.S., at which point cases may start dropping off dramatically.

The reason: The variant has proved so wildly contagious that it may already be running out of people to infect, just a month and a half after it was first detected in South Africa.

"It's going to come down as fast as it went up," said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle.

At the same time, experts warn that much is still uncertain about how the next phase of the pandemic might unfold.

The plateauing or ebbing in the two countries is not happening everywhere at the same time or at the same pace. And weeks or months of misery still lie ahead for patients and overwhelmed hospitals.

There are still a lot of people who will get infected as we descend the slope on the backside," said Lauren Ancel Meyers, director of the University of Texas COVID-19 Modeling Consortium, which predicts that reported cases will peak within the week.

The University of Washington says the number of daily reported cases in the U.S. will crest at 1.2 million by Jan. 19 and will then fall sharply "simply because everybody who could be infected will be infected," according to Mokdad.

Citing the university's calculations, Mokdad said the true number of new daily infections in the U.S. - an estimate that



As the omicron variant of COVID-19 lingers, a woman undergoes a test on Tuesday in New York City. SETH WENIG/AP

includes people who were never tested — has already peaked, hitting 6 million on

In Britain, new COVID-19 cases dropped to about 140,000 a day in the last week, after skyrocketing to more than 200,000 a day earlier this month, according to government data.

Kevin McConway, a retired professor of applied statistics at Britain's Open University, said that while cases are still rising in some regions, the outbreak may have peaked in London.

The figures have raised hopes that the two countries are about to witness what happened in South Africa, where the wave crested at record highs and then fell significantly about a month later.

"I'd like to see them fall much further before we know if what happened in South Africa will happen here," said Dr. Paul Hunter, a professor of medicine at Britain's University of East Anglia.

Differences between Britain and South Africa, including Britain's older population and the tendency of its people to spend more time indoors in the winter, could mean a bumpier outbreak for the country and other nations like it.

On the other hand, British authorities' decision to adopt minimal restrictions against omicron could enable the virus to rip through the population and run its course much faster than it might in Western European countries that have imposed tougher COVID-19 controls.

Shabir Mahdi, dean of health sciences at South Africa's University of Witwatersrand, said European countries that impose lockdowns won't necessarily come through the omicron wave with fewer infections; the cases may just be spread out over a longer period of time.

On Tuesday, the World Health Organization said there have been 7 million new COVID-19 cases across Europe in the past week, calling it a "tidal wave sweeping across the region." WHO cited modeling from Mokdad's group that predicts half of Europe's population will be infected with omicron within about eight weeks.

Poland on Tuesday became the latest European nation to record 100,000 deaths related to coronavirus as the country braces for a surge of infections fueled by the omicron variant. About 24,000 deaths occurred in the most recent wave of infection that began in October.

In China, a third city has locked down its residents because of a COVID-19 outbreak, raising the number confined to their homes in the nation to about 20 million people.

The lockdown of Anyang, home to 5.5 million people, was announced late Monday after two cases of the omicron variant were reported. Residents are not allowed to go out and stores have been ordered shut except those selling necessities.

Another 13 million people have been locked down in Xi'an for nearly three weeks, and 1.1 million more in Yuzhou for more than a week. It wasn't clear how long the lockdown of Anyang would last, as it was announced as a measure to

facilitate mass testing of residents, which is standard procedure in China's strategy of identifying and isolating infected people as quickly as possible.

In the United States, New Orleans will reinstitute an indoor mask mandate to fight the spread of COVID-19 while readying for an influx of visitors for the Mardi Gras season, the city health director said Tues-

Dr. Jennifer Avegno said the mandate takes effect at 6 a.m. Wednesday and will apply to participants in the annual Mardi Gras balls.

Meanwhile, Japan will keep its borders closed to most foreign citizens through February as it attempts to accelerate coronavirus booster shots for elderly people, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Tuesday.

NEWS BRIEFING

2 Okla. prisoners pick firing squad as way to delay lethal injections

From news services

OKLAHOMA CITY -Two men on Oklahoma's death row — at the prodding of a federal judge — agreed to choose execution by firing squad as a way to delay their uncoming lethal injections, one of their attorneys told

the judge. The two inmates — Donald Grant and Gilbert Postelle – want U.S. District Judge Stephen Friot to grant them a temporary injunction that would halt their upcoming executions until a trial can be held over whether Oklahoma's threedrug lethal injection method is constitutional.

A trial on the issue is set to begin before Friot on Feb. 28, but the judge has said in order to be added as plaintiffs, inmates must select an alternative method of execu-

Grant, who is scheduled to die Jan. 27, and Postelle, who has a Feb. 17 execution date, hadn't previously selected an alternative method.

"While it may be gruesome to look at, we all agree it will be quicker," attorney Jim Stronski told Friot.

More than two dozen death row inmates who are plaintiffs in the challenge agreed previously to provide the court with an alternative method of execution, including the use of different drug combinations or firing squad, which is one of several execution methods authorized under Oklahoma law.

Friot did not issue a decision Monday on the inmates' motion but said he hoped to release an order by the end of the week.

Troops in Kazakhstan: The president of Kazakhstan announced Tuesday that a Russia-led security alliance will start pulling out its troops from the Central

Asian nation in two days after completing its mission.

The mostly Russian troops were deployed to Kazakhstan last week by the Collective Security Treaty Organization, a military alliance of six former Soviet states, at the president's request amid the worst public unrest the former Soviet nation has faced since gaining independence 30 years ago.

Protests over soaring fuel prices erupted in the oil and gas-rich Central Asian nation of 19 million on Jan. 2 and quickly spread across the country, with political slogans reflecting wider discontent over the country's authoritarian government.

Over the next few days, the demonstrations turned violent, with dozens of civilians and law enforcement officers killed.

In Almaty, Kazakhstan's former capital and largest city, protesters set government buildings on fire and briefly seized the airport. The unrest was largely quelled by the weekend.

South African fire: A homeless man accused of setting a fire that destroyed part of South Africa's historic Parliament complex was charged with terrorism Tuesday and sent to a psychiatric hospital for a month of assessment.

Zandile Mafe, 49, appeared in a courtroom in Cape Town for a bail hearing, when the terrorism charge was added to his indictment. Mafe was already charged with housebreaking with intent to steal, theft, two counts of arson and possession of an explosive device when he appeared in court for the first time last week.

Prosecutors now contend that Mafe had intended to "deliver, place, discharge



Real superheroes: Medical staffers dressed as Captain America and the Hulk accompany children ages 6 to 11 as the youngsters receive the Chinese-made Sinovac vaccine Tuesday at a school in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The country has reported 4.2 million infections and more than 144,000 deaths from COVID-19, according to Johns Hopkins University. DEVI RAHMAN/GETTY-AFP

or detonate" the explosive device at the Parliament complex.

The Parliament precinct in Cape Town was ravaged by a major blaze, which Mafe is accused of starting early Jan. 2. It took firefighters four days to completely extinguish the fire.

Ghislaine Maxwell case: The U.S. government will agree to drop pending perjury charges against British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell if her sex trafficking case goes to sentencing later this

year, prosecutors said. The offer was made in a letter to a judge filed jointly late Monday by the prosecutors and Maxwell's attorneys in federal court in Manhattan. The defense countered by asking that questions about the perjury charges be put off until the judge rules on its request for

a new trial. Maxwell, 60, was convicted last month of recruiting teenage girls between 1994 and 2004 for

financier Jeffrey Epstein to sexually abuse. Two perjury counts that were separated from the main case accuse Maxwell of lying in a 2016 civil deposition.

At a trial ending with her conviction last month, Maxwell vehemently denied any wrongdoing. Her lawyers argued that she was made a scapegoat for the sex crimes of Epstein, her onetime boyfriend and employer.

Islamic State regret: The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of a woman who left home in Alabama to join the Islamic State terror group, but then decided she wanted to

return to the United States. The justices declined without comment on Monday to consider the appeal of Hoda Muthana, who was born in New Jersey in October 1994 to a diplomat from Yemen and grew up in Alabama near

Birmingham. Muthana left the U.S. to join the Islamic State in 2014, apparently after becoming radicalized online.

While she was overseas, the government determined she was not a U.S. citizen and revoked her passport, citing her father's status as a diplomat at the time of her birth. Her family sued to enable her return to the United

A federal judge ruled in 2019 that the U.S. government correctly determined Muthana wasn't a U.S. citizen despite her birth in the country. Children of diplomats aren't entitled to birthright citizenship. The family's lawyers appealed, arguing that her father's status as a diplomat assigned to the U.N. had ended before her birth, making her automatically a citizen.

Muthana surrendered to U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces as Islamic State fighters were losing the last of their self-declared caliphate in Iraq and Syria and

going to refugee camps. Muthana said she regret-

ted her decision to join the group and wanted to return to the U.S. with her toddler child, the son of a man she met while living with the group. The man later died.

Her current whereabouts aren't clear.

Betty White's death: Actress Betty White died from a stroke she had six days before her Dec. 31 death at age 99, according to her death certificate.

The "Golden Girls" and "Mary Tyler Moore Show" actor died at her home in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles as the result of a Dec. 25 cerebrovascular accident, the medical term for a stroke, according to the LA County death certificate obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The cause was provided by White's doctor, as is typical in such cases.

She was cremated and her remains were given Friday to Glenn Kaplan, the man in charge of White's advanced health care directive.

BUSINESS

EPA starts cracking down on coal ash storage ponds

Agency to enforce weakened rule on cutting pollution from coal-fired plants

By Matthew Daly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is taking its first major action to address toxic wastewater from coal-burning power plants, ordering utilities to stop dumping waste into unlined storage ponds and speed up plans to close leaking or otherwise dangerous coal ash

Plants in four states will have to close the coal ash ponds months or years ahead of schedule, the EPA said Tuesday, citing deficiencies with groundwater monitoring, cleanup or other problems.

Coal ash remains when coal is burned to generate electricity and contains a toxic mix of mercury, cadmium, arsenic and other heavy metals. It can pollute waterways, poison wildlife and cause respiratory illness among those living near where the waste is stored.

The actions mark the first time the EPA has enforced a 2015 rule aimed at reducing groundwater pollution from coal-fired power plants.

U.S. coal plants produce about 100 million tons annually of ash and other

The Obama administration regulated the storage and disposal of toxic coal ash for the first time, including a requirement to close coal-ash dumping ponds that were unstable or contaminated groundwater. The Trump administration weakened the rule in 2020, allowing utilities to use cheaper technologies and take longer to comply with pollution reduction guidelines that are less stringent than what the agency originally

EPA Administrator Michael Regan said the actions announced Tuesday will ensure that coal ash ponds meet strong environmental and safety standards.

"I've seen firsthand how coal ash contamination can hurt people and communities," said Regan, a former North Carolina environmental regulator who negotiated with Duke Energy what state officials say was the largest cleanup agreement for toxic coal

"For too long, communities already disproportionately impacted by high levels of pollution have been burdened by

improper coal ash disposal," Regan added. In separate letters sent Tuesday, EPA denied requests for extensions of coal ash permits by the Clifty Creek power plant in Madison, Indiana; James M. Gavin plant in Cheshire, Ohio; and the Ottumwa plant in Ottumwa, Iowa.

The Greenidge Generation plant in Dresden, New York, was ruled ineligible for an extension. The former coal plant now uses

The H.L. Spurlock plant in Maysville, Kentucky, will be required to fix groundwater monitoring as a condition for continued operation of its coal ash pond, the EPA said.

Data released by utilities in 2018 showed widespread evidence of contamination at coal plants from Virginia to Alaska.

Coal ash storage and disposal went largely unregulated until a 2008 spill in Kingston, Tennessee. A containment dike burst and flooding covered more than 300 acres, dumping waste into nearby rivers.



Gia Ganesh, chief of HR at Florence Healthcare, has seen her duties expand during the pandemic, AUDRA MELTON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Role akin to company nurse

COVID-19 adds new wrinkle for HR professionals trying to put together safe office plans

By Emma Goldberg The New York Times

Gia Ganesh is a people person, so she loved running people operations — what many companies now call human resources at Florence Healthcare. She led the health care technology company's recruitment efforts, met with expecting moms planning for maternity leave and helped staff decide whether to spend their wellness benefits on therapy or a massage.

But like many working people, she found that the pandemic broke open her job description and filled it with new responsibilities. And like many HR professionals, she found that she sometimes had to play a role akin to company nurse.

As COVID-19 first started to spread, Ganesh made sure employees had stipends to set up workspaces at home and planned virtual activities, like a magic show and a cooking competition, to keep people connected. By last fall, she was in the meeting with the CEO writing up her company's vaccine mandate, which requires that all employees, even those working remotely, be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. She reviews every request for a vaccine rule exemption from people who would rather submit to regular coronavirus testing.

"What happens if employees test positive for COVID? How do we take care of them, and the role, if they're out for a significant period of time? There's a lot of new complexity that COVID has brought to the world of HR," said Ganesh, whose company has about 150 employees globally.

Just as the COVID-19 crisis made amateur public health researchers of people trying to go about their daily lives, it also forced HR professionals, especially those at small and midsize businesses, into a new focus on public health.

Then there's the tug of war over return to office plans, with the pull of executives eager to see workers in person meeting the push of soaring COVID-19 case counts. On top of that has come the challenge of retaining talent when workers are walking off the job, with 4.5 million leaving their roles voluntarily in November. The sources of stress, for some HR directors, seem to

multiply by the month. For George Boue, who ran HR at Stiles, a commercial real estate company based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the anxieties of his job began to increase this fall. How was he going to roll out a vaccine mandate to his colleagues who viewed it as an intrusion? More important, how was he going to keep everybody in his office safe?

Boue, who is fully vaccinated, was

surrounded by friends in South Florida who were citing misinformation about the vaccine. He estimated that one-third of his 300-person staff is most likely not fully vaccinated. When the Labor Department rolled out its vaccine rule in November, requiring large businesses to get their workers vaccinated or tested weekly, Boue started drafting the terms for his company's vaccine policy; then he put it on hold because of legal battles over the mandates.

Boue decided that among teammates he wouldn't refer to the policy as a mandate because he wanted to temper tensions whenever he could.

"There's those that are feeling the world is coming to an end, and this is horrible, and those on the other side of the spectrum that feel this is all a bunch of baloney," he said. 'The toughest part of my role has been trying to address all sides.'

HR professionals said they're trying, wherever possible, to point toward government rules and to emphasize to employees that they're simply following advice from public health authorities.

"I try not to be a doctor or a scientist," said Amy Zimmerman, chief people officer of Relay Payments, a software company based in Atlanta with just over 100 employees. "We've got institutions like the World Health Organization and the CDC and really smart people who are making decisions that if you're reasonable, you trust."

IRS warns of a messy season for filing taxes

By Alan Rappeport The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The federal tax filing season will run from Jan. 24 to April 18 this year, the IRS said, warning in its announcement that staffing shortages and paperwork backlogs could make for a messy and frustrating experience for taxpayers.

In a briefing Monday, Treasury Department officials said that the IRS would struggle to promptly answer telephone calls from taxpayers with questions and that a lower level of service should be expected. They blamed Republican legislators, who have blocked efforts to increase funding at the agency, for the lack of resources.

The Biden administration has asked for an additional \$80 billion over a decade for the IRS to bolster its enforcement and its customer service capacity, increasing its staff size by nearly 87,000 employees and upgrading its technology. That request is part of the administration's Build Back Better Act, which is stalled in Congress.

The Treasury Department estimates that enhancing the enforcement powers of the IRS could yield the federal government \$400 billion in additional tax revenue over a decade by shrinking the so-called tax gap, or tax money that is owed the government but goes uncollected.

Treasury officials noted that in the first half of last year, fewer than 15,000 employees were available to handle more than 240 million calls — one person for every 16,000 calls. Although the U.S. population has grown by about 60% since 1970 and the tax code has become more complex, the size of the workforce at the IRS has been flat, the Treasury Department said.

The IRS urged taxpayers to file returns electronically, and said people should generally receive refunds within 21 days of filing.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Global growth expected to slow

WASHINGTON — The World Bank is downgrading its outlook for the global economy, blaming continuing outbreaks of COVID-19, a reduction in government economic support and ongoing bottlenecks in global supply chains.

The 189-country, anti-poverty agency forecasts worldwide economic growth of 4.1% this year, down from the 4.3% growth it was forecasting last June. It's also down from the 5.5% expansion it estimates the global economy tallied in 2021.

In its Global Economic Prospects report out Tuesday, the World Bank projects that the U.S. economy will grow 3.7% this year, down from 5.6% in 2021. It expects China, the world's second-biggest economy, to see growth slow to 5.1% in 2022 from 8% in 2021.

Coins shipped to honor Angelou

WASHINGTON — The United States Mint said Monday that it has begun shipping quarters featuring the image of poet Maya Angelou, the first coins in its American Women Quarters Program.

Angelou, an American author, poet and civil rights activist, rose to prominence with the publication of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" in 1969. Angelou, who died in 2014 at the age of 86, was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2010 by President Barack Obama.

The quarter design depicts Angelou with outstretched arms. Behind her are a bird in flight and a rising sun, images inspired by

The mint's program will issue 20 quarters over the next four years honoring women.

Fed's Powell: Inflation poses a major threat

By Christopher Rugaber Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Chair Jerome Powell acknowledged Tuesday that high inflation has emerged as a serious threat to the Federal Reserve's goal of helping put more Americans back to work and that the Fed will raise rates more than it now plans if needed to stem surging prices.

"If we have to raise interest rates more over time, we will," Powell said during a hearing of the Senate Banking Committee, which is considering his nomination for a second four-year term. Fed officials have forecast three increases in the their benchmark short-term rate this year, though some economists say they envision four

rate hikes in 2022.

The stark challenge for Powell if he is confirmed as expected for a new term was underscored by questions he faced from Democratic and Republican senators. Powell and the central bank are under rising pressure to rein in inflation without ramping up interest rates so high that the economy tumbles into another recession.

On Tuesday, Powell took pains to rebuff suggestions from some Democratic senators that rate increases would slow hiring and potentially leave many people, particularly lower-income and Black Americans, without jobs. Fed rate increases typically lead to higher rates on many consumer and business loans and have the effect of slowing economic growth.

But Powell made clear that he is now more worried about the damage that rising inflation could inflict on the job market.

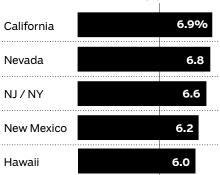
The economy, the Fed chair added, must grow for an extended period to put as many Americans back to work as possible. Controlling inflation — without raising rates so high as to choke off the economic recovery — is critical to lowering unemployment, Powell said.

"We know that high inflation exacts a toll, particularly for those less able to meet the higher costs of essentials like food, housing, and transportation," he said.

The government on Wednesday is expected to report that consumer prices rose 7.1% over the past 12 months, up from November's 6.8% year-over-year increase.

States with the highest unemployment

Percentage of civilian labor force that was unemployed, November 2021 average, seasonally adjusted U.S.: 4.2%



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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BUSINESS



The Biden administration is giving greater flexibility for local governments to spend virus relief funds. Above, a KB Home construction site last year in Simi Valley, Calif. MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Treasury broadens uses of relief aid for states, localities

By David A. Lieb Associated Press

State and local governments will have greater flexibility to spend \$350 billion of federal COVID-19 aid under new rules from President Joe Biden's administration.

The revised rules mean that most cities and counties will be free to spend their entire allotment on any government services without having to prove they lost revenue during the pandemic. The rules also allow spending on more types of construction and a wider range of high-speed internet projects, among other things.

The final U.S. Treasury Department rules come 10 months after Biden signed the massive \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan that included aid for state, local and tribal governments. The money was intended to help shore up their finances, pay the ongoing costs of fighting the virus and invest in longer-term projects to strengthen communities.

But some government officials had been hesitant to make spending decisions until they could get greater certainty from federal officials about what was allowed. The new rules could relieve that anxiety.

"I think we're going to see in the next month or two a lot more spending, particularly by small local governments who had been sort of waiting out the time until this final rule came out," Michael Wallace, legislative director for housing, community and economic development at the National League of Cities, said about the announcement last week.

Some local officials had complained the Treasury's initial guidelines, issued last May, were too vague in some regards and too rigid in others. In addition to pressing the Treasury for changes, local government groups also had been lobbying Congress to intervene with relaxed criteria.

The Treasury said it was responding to the feedback by allowing "broader flexibility and greater simplicity in the program."

"As the delta and omicron variants have illustrated. pandemic response needs will continue to evolve," **Deputy Treasury Secretary** Wally Adeyemo said in a statement last week as the agency released its rules. "These funds ensure that governments across the country have the flexibility they need to vaccinate their communities, keep schools

open, support small busi-

nesses, prevent layoffs, and

ensure a long-term recov-

ery."
One of the most significant changes will let state and local governments claim up to \$10 million of revenue losses during the pandemic without having to prove it. Federal money used to replace lost revenue comes with maximum flexibility, meaning it can go toward projects such as road repairs that would not otherwise be eligible. That \$10 million threshold covers the entire allotment for many smaller cities and

for about 70% of counties. Local officials also had pushed for greater flexibility on infrastructure spending, which is generally limited to water, sewer and broadband internet.

The final rules allow money to be used for culvert repairs along roads and to reĥabilitate dams and reservoirs that supply drinking

Treasury: Nov. saw highest disbursement of rental aid

By Michael Casey Associated Press

States and localities in November paid out the largest amount of rental assistance to cash-strapped tenants since a federal program began, the Treasury Department said this month.

The \$2.9 billion paid out is the latest sign that the program's early hiccups have been mostly been resolved and it is now turning to helping those places running short of cash.

The latest figures show \$17.39 billion has been allocated to help cover back rent, putting the program on pace to pay out or allocate \$30 billion by the end of 2021. So far, there have been more than 3.1 million payments.

"We are just seeing that people got their programs started, made them simpler and more efficient," Gene Sperling, who is charged with overseeing implementation of President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package, said in an email interview. "A lot of places are moving fast and you are getting large amount of funds out quicker to renters in need."

Diane Yentel, CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, welcomed the increased pace of disbursement.

"Efforts by the Biden administration, advocates, program administrators and others have significantly improved emergency rental assistance (ERA) programs and quickened the pace of ERA distribution, keeping millions of people stably housed," she said in a statement. "Nearly 10 million people in over 3 million households have been assisted with these vital resources. With back rent paid, these families have a clean slate and some housing stability to start the year."



"We are just seeing that people got their programs started, made them simpler and more efficient," said Gene Sperling, who oversees the rescue package. SUSAN WALSH/AP 2021

But with the improved results of the \$46.5 billion program have come with concerns it won't reach all tenants who need help. The first tranche of emergency rental assistance funds, known as ERA1, is \$25 billion and the second, known as ERA2 and meant to be spent over a longer period of time, is \$21.5 billion.

More than 100 grantees, including large programs in states such as New York and Texas, have indicated they have gone through almost all their ERA1 money, Treasury said.

The problem, Sterling said, is there is not much to reallocate, given how states and cities have gotten so much money out. He estimated that over \$1.1 billion would be allocated in the first three rounds of reimbursement, \$875 million of which will be shifted from within states mostly from state-run programs to cites

and counties in need. A dozen states are shifting money to localities. Georgia, for example, is shifting \$50 million to Fulton and DeKalb counties. In Arizona, \$39 million is being shifted from the state to Maricopa

'This is a team effort, and we will continue to work with all cities and counties operating their own programs so there are no gaps in services for Arizona families," Tasya Peterson, a spokesperson for Arizona's Department of Economic Security, said. "This voluntary reallocation to Arizona's population centers will help make sure that resources are available to all eligible households regardless of iurisdiction?

Several places will get money from a pool of funds reallocated from low-performing states. California will get \$62 million; New Jersey, \$40.8 million; New York, \$27 million; and the District of Columbia, \$17.8 million.

"There won't be huge amounts of excess funds," Sterling said. "Reallocation will help but won't fill the gaps of large states like Texas, New York or California that have largely committed their funds and still have significant needs."

The initial rollout of the federal program was plagued by slow disbursement, with administration officials publicly blaming state and municipal partners for bottlenecking the process with excessive bureaucracy often aimed at preventing fraud.

The deadline for submitting a request for the second round of reallocated funds

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Crusading for God, family and ... Bitcoin?



Paul Krugman

Josh Mandel, a Trump disciple seeking the Republican Senate nomination in Ohio, recently tweeted out what he stands for: "Ohio must be a pro-God, pro-family, pro-Bitcoin state." Indeed, there has long been a strong connection between support for Bitcoin and right-wing extremism—like the traditional association between conservatism and an obsession with gold, only more so.

So what's that about?

Now, the fact that many Bitcoin enthusiasts say bizarre things does not, in itself, mean that cryptocurrencies are a bad idea. People can support the right things for the wrong reasons. I'm sure, for example, that many people accept the scientific consensus on, say, vaccine effectiveness not because they value peer-reviewed research but because they are impressed by people in lab coats who use big words.

Still, it does seem important to understand the cultish aspects of the cryptocurrency movement.

First, however, a bit (ahem) about the economics.

I still sometimes encounter people who say that we live in a digital age, so

we should be using digital money. But we already do! Like many people, I pay for most things by clicking a mouse, tapping my debit card or pressing a button on my phone. I used to keep singles in my wallet to buy fruit and vegetables from New York's ubiquitous sidewalk stands, but these days even they often accept Venmo.

All of these payments, however, depend on trusting a third party: People accept debit cards, Apple Pay, Venmo and so on because they're linked to a bank account. Bitcoin's whole purpose, as laid out in its original 2008 white paper, was to remove the need for that kind of trust: It would validate payments using methods related to cryptography — coded communication. The goal was to create a "peer-to-peer" system of payments independent of financial institutions.

But why do this? Are banks that untrustworthy? I've been in many meetings in which crypto skeptics ask, as respectfully as they can, for simple examples of things you can do better or more cheaply with cryptocurrency than via other forms of payment. I still haven't heard a clear example that didn't involve illegal activity — which may, to be fair, be easier to hide if you use crypto.

And the truth is that although Bitcoin has been around a long time by internet standards — 13 years! — it and other cryptocurrencies have made hardly any inroads into the traditional role of money, as a medium of exchange used to purchase

goods and services. Hard numbers are scarce, but it looks as if a vast majority of cryptocurrency transactions involve market speculation rather than the ordinary business of life.

Yet Bitcoin and its rivals now have a combined market valuation of more than \$1 trillion. What do investors think they're buying?

One answer is protection against the perennial fear that governments will inflate away all your wealth — as a recent Bloomberg article put it, some billionaires are buying crypto in case money "goes to hell." Indeed, there have been 57 hyperinflations in the world that we know about. However, they all took place amid political and social chaos; do you really think that in such an environment you'd be able to get online and cash in your Bitcoins?

There's also FOMO — fear of missing out. Bitcoin has hit a sort of marketing sweet spot: It sounds high-tech and futuristic while also playing to political paranoia. The resulting capital gains have led many apolitical investors to feel that they need to get in on the game, while also probably inducing public figures like Eric Adams, New York's new mayor, to talk up Bitcoin because they imagine it makes them appear forward-looking.

But do the confused rationales for Bitcoin mean that it's destined to implode? Not necessarily. After all, gold stopped functioning as a medium of exchange generations ago, yet its value hasn't collapsed. And we shouldn't discount the importance of illegal activity. There's about \$1.6 trillion worth of \$100 bills in circulation — 80% of all U.S. currency — even though large-denomination bills are very hard for ordinary consumers to spend. What do you think people are doing with all those Benjamins?

But let's leave market predictions aside and ask what's with the deepening alliance between Bitcoin and MAGA?

The answer, I'd argue, is that Bitcoin was supposed to create a monetary system that functions without trust — and the modern right is all about fostering distrust. COVID-19 is a hoax; the election was stolen; California's forest fires had nothing to do with climate change, they were started by Rothabild controlled expectages.

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In this context it's perfectly natural for MAGAesque politicians to demand an end to a monetary system that runs through banks — we know who controls them, right? — and rests on a currency that's managed by government-appointed officials. There's no evidence of widespread monetary abuse, but that doesn't matter on the extreme right.

The point, then, is that while there are real economic issues associated with cryptocurrencies, their rise has a lot to do with the broader political madness that has American democracy on the brink.

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We need second cut of 'Don't Look Up'



Ross Douthat

The new movie "Don't Look Up," about a collision between a planet-killing comet and a frivolous America, is something of a critical failure — its score on RottenTomatoes.com is currently only 55% fresh — but a clear cultural success. In a world where it's hard for non-superhero movies to make a ripple, it has broken a Netflix viewing record and launched an array of movie critic arguments and pundit takes — some of them politically unpredictable, including both left-leaning critiques and right-leaning admiration.

Officially the movie is an allegory about climate change, a conceit that its director, Adam McKay, has emphasized in online sparring with its critics. "If you don't have at least a small ember of anxiety about the climate collapsing (or the U.S. teetering)," McKay tweeted recently, "I'm not sure 'Don't Look Up' makes any sense. It's like a robot viewing a love story. 'WHy ArE thEir FacEs so cLoSe ToGether?""

Art, though, has a way of escaping the intentions of its creators. McKay's tweets notwithstanding, his comet scenario is a lousy allegory for the climate challenge, for reasons painstakingly elaborated by New York Magazine's Eric Levitz in one of the best responses to the movie as a would-be policy intervention.

But the pandemic that arrived before production started turned out to be a better fit for the allegory — a fast-moving and unexpected threat rather than a grinding, long-term challenge. And ultimately "Don't Look Up" is most effective when it's just a movie about that parenthetical in McKay's tweet — the idea of a "teetering" America, with the specific existential threat almost incidental to the portrait of



Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence in "Don't Look Up." The movie launched some unpredictable takes. NIKO TAVERNISE/NETFLIX

systemic failure.

This is the biggest reason, I suspect, that the movie is a commercial hit and conversation fodder even for people who dislike it: because it opens one of the widest lenses on American decadence since the years when "The Wire" and "The Sopranos" were both on HBO.

Yet I'm still one of the critics who thought the movie failed in the end, because its impulse to indict everyone, from TV news to social media, is in tension with its desire to deliver a pious message about listening to science. The latter impulse ensures that its satire is gentlest when it takes on the expert class, the academic-industrial complex. And its plot ultimately turns on a single terrible decision by a populist president, the systemic critique sacrificed to ideological point-scoring.

But since the movie is almost the

But since the movie is almost the comprehensive portrait of decadence we need, I'm going to offer some script doctoring and give you the cut of "Don't Look Up" that might have been, had somebody hired me to consult. Here goes:

Act 1: The comet is discovered by amateur astronomy geeks who comb telescope footage the government collects but doesn't bother to examine. Their findings

are hyped by a mix of doomsday preppers and tech bros, while academic authorities dismiss the claims as misinformation and Twitter censors users who insist the comet is going to hit Earth.

Act 2: A group of Harvard astronomers confirms the comet's dire trajectory, and suddenly the media turns on a dime and begins hyping the threat. But the president, a right-wing populist aiming for reelection, prefers to postpone dealing with it, so she hypes an obscure Bible college astronomer who thinks the chance of impact is under 10%.

Act 3: After protests roil the country, the president reverses course and announces a massive nuclear strike. However, the head of NASA, a media darling, insists that blowing up the comet will rain down fragments and kill too many people, and you need a more limited strike - the subject of his own dissertation, as it happens — that knocks it off course. Fox News vilifies him, but the mainstream media insists his strategy is simply science and no serious person could oppose it. So the United States tries his plan — and it fails completely, because his dissertation was actually based on fraudulent experiments that never replicated outside his lab.

Act 4: Now the president orders the

full blow-it-up strike, but it fails as well—because most of the nukes don't work, the military having failed to inspect its arsenal because that part of the budget was spent hiring TikTok influencers to do a new recruitment pitch for Gen Z. In desperation, the government turns to an Elon Musk-style tech wizard, whose Great Bore drill promises to deliver a warhead into the heart of the comet. Unfortunately he supervises the mission himself, and it goes fatally awry when he gets distracted by a Twitter flamewar.

Act 5: Out of options, part of America pretends the comet isn't coming, while another part joins a cult that holds mass repentance ceremonies for white patriarchy's sins.

At the last minute, a collection of Chinese drones ascends to meet the comet and dismember it, letting its pieces fall into the Pacific to be mined by Chinese deepsea robots — but a shower "accidentally" hits the continental United States, knocking out our infrastructure and leaving the world's former superpower in the dark.

Roll credits, in Chinese. I'll see you all at the Oscars.

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Only big government can tame big meatpacking industry

By David Wainer Bloomberg Opinion

The Biden administration desperately needs a win on inflation, and cutting the price Americans pay for beef would have an immediate impact on most families.

Yet the prescription unveiled by the White House last week to boost competition in the highly concentrated meat sector, while prudent, won't make much of a dent on meat prices, at least not for a while. It isn't likely to help fight inflation, either.

Meat prices have been soaring — accounting for more than half the increase in grocery costs for American families. The blame for this, according to the administration, belongs with the four companies that together control more than 80% of the meatpacking market. The White House has been focused on this industry for months, arguing that excessive concentration is hurting consumers, who are paying more for their steaks and burgers, as well as small ranchers and farmers, who have struggled to stay profitable.

The push to inject competition into meatpacking is part of a broader effort by the Biden administration to challenge concentrations of power in business, in industries ranging from technology to railroads to health care. Under the plan, the administration will spend \$1 billion to help independent meat processing companies expand their operations and hire additional workers

Yet it will take a while before the promised funds have any impact. For one thing, like much of the U.S. economy, the meat industry is dealing with a shortage of workers, which will make it challenging for smaller competitors to scale up without raising wages.

"You have 4 (million) to 5 million people missing from the workforce, and working in a slaughterhouse is not exactly a desirable job," said Rodrigo Almeida, a Santander Bank analyst who follows meatpackers. "You can put as much money as you want to work, but if there's no labor it's hard to make these plans work."

ard to make these plans work." It also is up for debate whether fighting monopolies is the best way to tame inflation. Former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers took to Twitter recently to say that the administration's efforts could have the opposite effect, by discouraging investment that could boost supply. A better approach to keep prices in check, Summers suggests, would be to open up the market to international competition.

This is not to say that the meat market isn't due for an overhaul. In 1977, the largest four beef-packing firms controlled just 25% of the market, compared with 82% today. The market share of the big four — JBS SA, Cargill, National Beef and Tyson — has given them outsize power in setting beef prices.

beef prices.

It's something of a paradox that prices of packaged beef have skyrocketed even as cattle prices have fallen. Indeed, while the big meatpackers point to the increasing cost of everything from labor to trucks as the culprits for more expensive beef, their profit margins have risen substantially, too. In other words, all those costs, and then some, are being passed along to consumers.

This suggests that funneling money to smaller producers won't help on its own. Tougher enforcement is needed too.

There are signs that more oversight is coming. The Biden administration is now working to issue stronger rules under the Packers and Stockyards Act, a law designed to combat abuses by meatpackers and processors. In 2019, R Calf USA, a group representing ranchers, sued the four big meatpackers, accusing them of engaging in price-fixing, a charge the companies deny. The case is still working its way through the courts. Meanwhile, the Justice Department has been looking into industry practices since 2020. The U.S. Department of Agriculture also has started publishing prices that beef processors pay.

All these small steps could chip away at the big four. They might even slow the climb in meat prices. Just know you'll still be paying more for burgers for some time to come.

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Andrews Jr., Fred J.



Fred J. Andrews Jr., 78, of Gloucester, MA (formally of Portland, CT) passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2022 after a courageous battle with cardiac disease. He was the loving husband to Gloria M. (Larocque) Andrews with whom he shared 55 years of marriage. Fred was also a dedicated and loving father to his son, Scott Andrews of

Stamford, CT, and daughter, Sherri Andrews of Goshen,

Born in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Fred J. and Mary (Soares) Andrews, Fred earned a Master's Degree in Humanities from Wesleyan University in Middletown,

Throughout his career, Fred loved working and teaching at the community college level and helping people reach their dreams of getting an education and starting small businesses. He created and ran numerous training and academic programs at both Middlesex and Springfield Community Colleges, including creating a business incubator for local entrepreneurs in Springfield, MA. Fred also taught at Middlesex Community College in Middletown, CT, Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield, MA and Holyoke Community College, in Holyoke, MA.

He was the 1997 recipient of the Charter Oak College Award as an outstanding educator of adult students, was the recipient of the 1997 US Small Business Administration's CT District Director's Award for Excellence and was named as an Honorary Member of the Western Mass Chapter of SCORE. Fred proudly ended his career as a Dean of Continuing Education at Middlesex Community College in Middletown, CT.

While he touched many lives through his teaching, Fred also loved theater and poetry and was a published poet. His final act of teaching was his anatomical gift

to Harvard Medical School.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude for the incredible love and care of the Hospice team at Care Dimensions in Danvers, MA throughout

the last several months.

"The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace." - Mahatma Gandhi.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held at a future time. Contributions may be made in Fred's name to Care Dimensions of Danvers, MA, or to a local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Arrangements are being made by Campbell Funeral Home, 61 Middle Street, Gloucester, MA. Information, directions, condolences can be found at www.campbellfuneral.com.

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Montgomery, Joan (Durdan)



Joan Durdan Montgomery, 72 of Litchfield, Connecticut passed peacefully into eter-nal rest with her loving chil-dren by her side on January 8th, 2022 after a year-long battle with cancer.

Born in Buffalo, NY December 18, 1949 Catharine (Middleton) and William Durdan Jr, Joan spent the majority of her childhood

living in Simsbury, Connecticut, where she later lived and raised her children. She spent many summers throughout her life vacationing on Cape Cod with her family, spending long days at the beach and making endless trips for ice cream. Joan graduated with an Associate's degree in Science from Cazenovia College in 1970. Joan split her professional life across two carroers. reers. She spent many years in the restaurant business where she held many titles, including server, bartender and manager. She also worked in healthcare where she served as an office manager, bookkeeper, receptionist, medical secretary and transcriptionist. She was always fascinated with medicine, and spent six years as an EMT as well. She also earned her medical assistant certificate from American Institute in West Hartford, CT. Joan loved animals (especially her sweet kitty Riley), country music, and women's basketball.

She was predeceased by her father, William Durdan, Jr, sisters Cynthia and Susan, and her husband, Bruce Montgomery.

Montgomery.
She is survived by her children, Stephanie (Brian)
Rousseau of Littleton, MA and Geoffrey (Paige) of West
Hartford, CT, four beautiful grandchildren Hadleigh and
Makenna Rousseau and William and Rowan Kraft, her
mother Catharine M. Howell of Hendersonville, NC,
her sister Judy Durdan (Tom Samson) of Trinity, FL, her
step-mother Judi Durdan of Tarpon Springs, FL, nieces
Shawna (Wesley) Santos and Chelsea Blanchard and a
few close friends few close friends.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 14th at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tariffville, CT. Due to limited seating, all guests must RSVP at funeral home link below to attend and facemasks are required in church. Burial to follow at Simsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joan's name to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. Please visit Joan's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com to RSVP to the service or watch the livestream, and for online tributes.

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Grant Sr., Thomas F.



Thomas F. Grant, Sr., 77, of Kensington, beloved husband to his high school sweet-(Nordgren) heart, Lauren Grant, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Born on January 1, 1945, he was the son of the late Joseph J. Grant Sr. and Elizabeth "Betty" (Potts) Grant. His claim to fame was that he was the first baby born on

New Year's Day in New Britain in 1945 and received several gifts from local businesses. He was also very proud to have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America in his youth. Tom graduated from New Britain Senior High School in 1963 and received his bachelor's degree from Central CT State

While at CCSC, he began working with his future father-in-law at Portable Power Tool Repair, Inc. in New Britain. He later acquired the business and moved it to Kensington where he operated it for 32 years until his retirement in 2002. Once retired, he and Lauren became "snowbirds" to Naples, FL for the winter. They also enjoyed spending time at their house on Cape Cod, MA. Tom was an animal lover and often visited the CT Humane Society "just to see what they had" and usually came home with a new cat and one time two, Golden Retrievers and Yellow Labs were his favorite breed of dogs and he had several of each during his lifetime. He was a fan of the New England Patriots and UConn Women's basketball. He enjoyed gardening, cooking and wheel thrown pottery. He was also a talented artist creating many oil paintings including portraits of family members. He was a man of few words but had a quick wit when the opportunity arose.

Tom was very proud of his family and loved them all dearly. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Lauren and their four children: Beth Pipkin, Thomas Grant Jr. and his wife Jane, Christopher Grant and his wife Jennifer, and Joyce Vento and her husband Giancarlo; grandchildren: Jacob Pipkin, Toni-Ann and Thomas "TJ" Grant, Brooke Grant, Makaila Cerrone, Marla Vento and his golden retriever, Sofie. Besides his parents, Tom was predeceased by his sisters, Patricia "Patty" Grant and Betsy Carlson and his brother, Joseph J. Grant Jr.

The family would like to thank the nurses and aides at the Hartford Healthcare at Home Hospice Care for their kindness, compassion and assistance which allowed Tom to stay at home.

At Tom's request, his funeral service and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. Burial will be in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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Malespini, Mary Jane



Jane Malespini, 88, entered eternal life on angel's wing's after passing away peacefully at her home January 6, 2022, surrounded by family. She was the daughter of the late John and Christine (Santy) Susco. Beloved wife of Sebastian Malespini Sr. Born on December 11, 1933, Mary was adopted as an infant into

the loving Susco family, residing in their Plainville home with her parents and brothers Vincent, Jack, and John until the day she was married. She attended Plainville High, EC Goodwin Technical school where she trained as a hair stylist and worked as until she started a family. Mary and Sebastian were inseparable, true a family. Mary and Sebastian were inseparable, true soulmates, living through life's trials and tribulation, side by side, always hand in hand. They approached everything as a team, believing together along with God's help they could get through anything, and they did. More than anything they shared much joy, blessed with 66 years of marriage, 4 Children, 8 Grandchildren, and 15 greatgrandchildren. She cherished her husband and family. A devoted wife, Mom, Grandmother and Grant grandmother it was always in Mary's heart to Great grandmother, it was always in Mary's heart to put others first. Everyone who loved her, knew they could always count on Mary, (Grammy) to lend support and a helping hand whether the task was large or and a helping hand whether the task was large or small. During times of happiness or sadness she was there to help and support her family and friends. A true lady with a generous heart, gentle way, and willingness to help spanned 5 generations, caring for her in- laws to caring for her great grandchildren. It was no easy task of meeting the needs of a multigenerational family however she did it all. Family time was precious. Whether preparing bountiful Italian meals on the holidays, or Sunday family gatherings, having her family come together around the table to a share the meal she had loving prepared, brought her great joy. Mary loved spending time in their 2nd home in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, spending time with her Mountains of New Hampshire, spending time with her son and his family, enjoying the beauty of the mountains and wildlife. A long walk along the country North Road brought a great appreciation of "being blessed to be in God's country.". There was always something amazing to see and she looked forward to the next "adventure" A civic minded woman she loved to yolun-"adventure" A civic minded woman, she loved to volunteer and served on many organizations wherever she could be of help to her community. She believed in giving back. As a devout Catholic, Mary very much engined partials as a market of the Calmar's local control of the community. joyed serving as a member of St. Colman's Ladies Guild and the Flower Angels in Middlefield. Coming from a large family many have passed before her. Brother Vincent and sister-in- law Marie Susco, Brother John (Jack) Susco, Brother John Sr and sister-in-law Josephine Walonski, beloved Niece Donna Walonski , Brother-in law and sister-in-law Joseph and Anna Malespini, and Sister-in-law Clara Malespini. Mary is survived by her husband Sebastian Malespini Sr, children Cheryl Ann (Paul) Pizzo, Steven (Kathy) Malespini, Michele Malespini and William Dempsey, Sebastian Jr. (Sharon) Malespini. Grandchildren: Lisa (Jason) Lockton, Paul (Heide) Pizzo Jr., Steven (Denah) Malespini, Shawn (Abbie) Malespini, Justin (Adrenne) Dunnells, Sebastian III, Victoria, and Ian Malespini. Great Grandchildren, Anna, Ava, Luke, and William Pizzo, Madeline and Lillian Lockton, Sophia and Sonia Malespini, Saveenah Malespini, Sean, Aiden, Rylee, Aubree, Kaylee,and Kyson Dunnells. A Sister-in-law Rita Susco and Brotherin-law Alfredo Malespini. In lieu of flowers memorial contribution may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101. Out of concern for the health and safety of all, regretfully services will be private. The family kindly ask to be kept in thoughts and prayers. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www. biegafuneralhome.com

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Niland, Joseph



Joseph Lawrence Niland, 83, of Southington, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, January 9 at John Dempsey Hospital after a brief illness, on the 62nd anniversary of his marriage to the love of his life, Jeanette (Fantozzi) Niland. Joe was a kind, gentle soul who lived humbly and unselfishly, and devoted his life to faith and family.

Joe was born on March 17,1938 in Meriden to Lawrence and Adelaide Niland. A gradu-ate of H.C. Wilcox Technical High School in Meriden, Joe proudly served as a United States Marine Meriden, Joe proudly served as a United States Marine (3rd Battalion) for nearly six years before he was honorably discharged. Joe worked for United Aluminum for many years, rising to the role of Maintenance Supervisor until he retired in 1999. Joe was a talented metal sculptor and fabricator, and worked with renowned artist Ruth Lapides to create cast bronze sculptures, including A Tree of Life commissioned for the Leadership Development Center of the YWCA in Phonix Arizona. Phoenix, Arizona. Joe freely gave his time to his community by helping to lead BSA Troop 32, who referred to him Socky Joe. He led the St Aloysius CYO for years and helped countless friends and family with their home repair and remodeling projects.

Joe enjoyed most of all spending time with his family at home in Southington or at his Vermont house, called by his grandchildren "Grandpa's Vermont." He could often be found outdoors cheerfully caring for his yard and garden, where he grew beautiful flowers-a passion he shared with Lisa-and always ensured that any passing bird had plenty to eat. A lover of animals, Joe was especially fond of the family beagles Figit and Herbie, and snuck treats to any and all canine visitors to his kitchen. He was a huge fan of the UConn basketball teams and loved watching the women's team play. Joe loved to golf, ski, hike and bike, and passed on his love of the outdoors to his children and grandchildren. Always an adventurer at heart, he led his children and grandchildren on many epic undertakings (and the occasional misadventure) such as the time he and Matt rode mules to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, and at age 75 after three knee replacements, whitewater rafting in Wyoming with Mark and Sean.

In addition to his wife Jeanette, Joe is survived by his loving sons and their spouses, Mark and Joanne of Simsbury and their daughter Dana; Matthew and Denise Niland of Plantsville and their children Tanner and Rebecca; his son-in-law Michael Raczka of Southington and his children Tara and her fiancé Dan Lanoir, Christian and Mitchell; and by his siblings Anne Murphy, Ed Niland (Cheri), Bill Niland (Rose); his brother-in law Tony Fantozzi (Patty); sister-in-law Evelyn Niland and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe believed in a life beyond this earthly one; he told his nurse the day before he died that he would be leaving the hospital to go to church. Upon his passing, we know that Joe believed that he was on his way to reunite with his beloved daughter Lisa, his grandson Sean, his brother Ray, his parents, and his brother-inlaw Joseph Murphy, who predeceased him.

His family will miss him immensely. His love for his wife, Jeanette, and the kindness with which he unwaveringly brightened the world, inspire us all. Joe embodied goodness in all that he did, and we are incredibly lucky to have had him in our lives for the time that we did.

Joe was a parishioner of St. Aloysius Church in Plantsville.

The family would like to thank Ruth, Keri, Joia, Janet and Faustina for their support of Joe as he cared for Jeanette; Carolyn; Heather and Anne for helping coordinate all things medical; Dr. Karina Berg for her help in making sure Joe and Jeanette were able to say goodbye; and the staff at the John Dempsey Hospital for their compassionate care, and for making sure Joe got his ice cream.

There will be a private service for the family followed by a Celebration of Life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 1355 Peachtree St. NE Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30309 or 1-800-283-7800 or arthritis.org. Della Vecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington is assisting with arrangements. To leave an online con-dolence, please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.

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Don, Richard S.



Our Dad, Richard Don (known to friends and family as Dick) has had a wonderful life. He grew up in Bridgeport, Ct, the youngest of three sons to Morris and Belle Don, with a helping hand from his be-loved Aunt Goldie. In high school at his piano teacher's house, he met his adored wife, Joyce (Gilday) and was happily married to her for 64 years. They had two children, Lea (Stein) and Judith (Bayersdorfer) and

built a life in Manchester, Ct. Mom loved

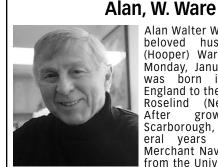
teaching; Dad worked as a pharmacist but his passions were classical music and swimming in the ocean. Once the kids were grown and the dog died (Mom's phrasing), they spent their free time traveling the globe often with their best friends, Sue and Gerry Hardy. They moved into a retirement community at The Arbors of Hopbrook and followed their retirement pursuits. Dad involved himself ment community at The Arbors of Hopbrook and followed their retirement pursuits. Dad involved himself with the East of the River hiking club as well as breakfast on Fridays with his friends, going to many concerts, opera, biking, hiking, kayaking and practicing the piano. Dad loved making new friends and helping anyone who seemed to need help. Some examples are recording readings for the blind, clearing trails for AMC, making late night deliveries to his elderly patients. He talked to Everyone! (Paul Newman at Tanglewood, his wife, Joanne Woodward at The Met, Arthur Rubinstein (great tickets!), Joshua Bell (in the elevator) to his family's chagrin. Most of all, he loved his family and his dog Max. Besides his daughters and son in law, Mitch Bayersdorfer, he leaves his granddaughters Lindsey (and Michael) Antonacci and Rachel Bayersdorfer. He was very fond of his cousins David, Michael and Maria Karpalow and his niece Sheri Don. He had so many friends that they can't all be acknowledged but we would like to name Barry and Renny Resnick, Nola Currie, Ken Wasserman, Betsy Kirk, Ann Hayman, Henry Paul, Tom, Cindy and Heather Hynes. We are grateful for support from the staff at The Arbors and the amazing care from Baystate Hospice. Funeral services with military honors will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 11AM at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam, MA. His wife Joyce G. Don who passed away on May14, 2016 will also be laid to rest at this time. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit Richard's memorial page at www.nefcc.net to extend lowed their retirement pursuits. Dad involved himself has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit

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Richard's memorial page at www.nefcc.net to extend

condolences.

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Alan Walter Ware, 83, of Avon, beloved husband of Joan (Hooper) Ware, passed away Monday, January 3, 2022. He was born in Scarborough, England to the late Sydney and Roselind (Newstead) Ware. After growing up in Scarborough, Alan spent sev-eral years in the British Merchant Navy and graduated from the University of Hull. He

was employed by General Electric and at Fylingdales, an American early warning system on the Yorkshire Moors, before settling in Farmington with his family in the 1970s. Alan was a man of integrity, optimism and enthusiasm. His strong people management skills led him to Scan-Optics in East Hartford and then to him to Scan-Optics in East Hartford and then to SpectraScan, where he rose to become the CEO. Alan and his family owned a home in Ludlow, VT, where he loved skiing and boating on Lake Rescue. He enjoyed the many British sports cars the family had and especially liked his Jaguars. He was always the life and soul of family celebrations, and nothing gave him more joy than spending time with his grandchildren, Christopher, Catherine, and Jack. Besides his wife, Joan, and grandchildren, he leaves a son, Paul Ware, and his wife, Dawne, of Farmington; a daughter, Caroline Beitman, and her husband, Alan, of Avon; and a sister, Ann Robson, of Scarborough, England. Due to COVID, Alan's immediate family will hold a private service. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers please www.carmonfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice.



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Carago, Ana Maria Ramos



Ana Maria (Anita) Ramos Carago, 76, of South Windsor, formerly of Hartford, beloved wife of 56 years of Antonio "Tony" R. Carago passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Ana Maria was born on April 26, 1945 in Portugal one of three children of the late Faustino and Guilhermina Ramos. Along with raising her family, she

was employed as a day care provider for over 25 years. Ana Maria was a longtime active member of the First Emmanuel Assembly of God in West Hartford for over 30 years. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and hosting gatherings for the holidays. Ana Maria's real joy came from spending time with her family and serving her

In addition to her beloved Tony, Ana Maria is survived by her three daughters and sons-in-law Annamarie C. Silva and her spouse Sebastian of Irvine, CA., and their two children Keziah, and Nathan Silva, Rachel C. Pereira and her spouse Ronaldo Guimaraes of Tolland, and Rachel's two children Julia and Emily Pereira, and Stephanie C. Miranda and her spouse Gilvan Miranda of Woburn, MA., and their two children Kaylee and Ethan Miranda. Ana Maria also leaves her sister Maria O'Dete Ramos of Vernon, her brother and sister-in-law Faustino and Jan Ramos and several nieces, nephews and their families.

Funeral services and burial in Wapping Cemetery, South Windsor will be private. There are no calling hours. For those who wish to attend virtually, Ana Maria's service will streamed online Saturday January 15th at 11:00 am. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, https://www.kidney.org/donation Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, South Windsor has

care of the arrangements. To leave an online condolence or to view her service online please visit www. carmonfuneralhome.com and go to Ana's webpage.



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McCann, Stella (Lang)



Stella (Lang) McCann, 88, of Manchester, Connecticut for-mally South Windsor, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 7 at Manchester Memorial Hospital with her loving husband and children by her side. She was born January 22, 1933 to the late Rose (Lang) Stubits in Northampton, Pennsylvania. Stella was the loving wife and

best friend of John (Jack) McCann for over 66 years. She loved tennis, bowling, cooking, and the beach, but

most of all being with her family. Stella was predeceased by her son Kevin and is sur-

vived by Jack, and her 3 children, Jim (Sharyn) McCann of Glastonbury CT, Pete (Julie) McCann of Tega Cay, SC, and Catherine (David) Langworthy of Manchester CT, with whom she and her husband resided.

She leaves 7 Grandchildren, Caitlyn McCann, Kara (Tim) Haladyna, Amy (Matt) Spencer, Joe McCann, Matt (Kate) McCann, Jessica (James) Dineen, Jamie (Ryan)

She also leaves 12 Great-Grandchildren, Kaia, Bennett, Braden, Beau, Isaac, Evan, Jaxson, Mason, Rory, Callie, Madelyn and Jackson.

In addition, she leaves her siblings Donna (Richard) Bealer, Joseph Stubits, Fred Stubits, Michael (Sandy) Stubits and Sister-in-Law Kathy (Don) Hilbert, and a special Aunt Anna (Richard) Zareczky all of Pennsylvania, and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be receiving guests beginning at 10 am on Friday, 01/14/22 at Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home, 400 Main Street, Manchester, before proceeding to St. Bridgets for a funeral mass with burial to follow at St. James Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, PO Box 22324, New York NY 10087 (lls.org)

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Naparstek, Muriel (Israel)



Muriel (Israel) Naparstek, much beloved and devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness on Monday, January 10, 2022. She is widow of Thomas B. Naparstek and daughter of the late Hyman & Pauline (Temkin) Israel. She is survived by her sister Shirley Gerrol of West Hartford, sons Marc & wife Patti of Aberdeen NJ, Scot & wife Darlene of Aléxandria VA, Jeff & partner Edwin Colon of South Glastonbury and Craig Naparstek of Plainville CT. Grandchildren Taylor & Roshanna, Josh & Krysti, Hanna, Matthew & Tawny, Jacob, Gabriella, Cassandra, Tessa, two great grandchildren Ella and Amelia, brother in-law Benjamin Alaimo & several nieces and nephews.

Muriel spent the last ten years living close to family in Matawan NJ. Born and raised in Hartford CT, where she was a graduate of Weaver High school. She and her husband Tommy, were long-time residents of Bloomfield CT where they raised their four sons and

owned and operated several restaurants. She also owned and operated a Party goods store, was a crossing guard, den mother, volunteered at Hebrew Home & other local convalescent homes. She Loved spending time with family, playing Mahjong, watching and rooting for the NY Yankees, UCONN Women's basketball and watching the Hallmark

There will be a private graveside service, Rabbi David Small officiating. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Shore Point Funeral Home and Cremation Service Inc. 3269 Hwy/Rt 35, Hazlet, NJ, 07730. Donations in her memory may be made to Natl. MS Society https://www.nationalmssociety.org or charity of your choice.

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Antenna, Jr., Alfred



Alfred J. Antenna, 90, of Wethersfield, husband of the late Emma (Quill) Antenna, passed away on Saturday January 8th, 2022, at the Hospice unit in Hartford Hospital with his family by his side. Alfred was born in New Britain, son of the late Alfred and Lena (Orecchio) Antenna. Alfred grew up in Berlin graduating from Berlin High School where he played basketball and baseball. He then proudly went into the

was also in the army band, he then met the love of his life Emma Quill. He worked 32 years at Pratt and Whitney as a tool grinder after re-tirement he worked at C&A part time. His passion was his family, playing the drums, which he started at 15 years old. He went on to play many weekends for wedding venues. Alfred lived and breathed the Yankees, and up to the day he died he had the Yankees YES channel on. Alfred also loved to knock down the pins at local area bowling alleys. He lived for the last 18 years with his daughter Maria and her family, he looked

United States Army where he served and

forward every night to his son- in- law's cooking, which every night he thanked him for.

Alfred leaves behind his daughters, Maria Reney and husband Anthony Reney, Theresa Vumback and her family, his precious grandchildren Leah Cafe and husband David Steven Califano, Emma and Grace Vumback , his step grandchildren Vincent and Kristen Zavarella and Heather Mazzochi, A.J Reney, and great grand-children Livianna and Aubrey and nieces Kelly Kathy and Kim. Many thanks for the care and compassion in the Hospice ward at Hartford hospital. There is a graveside service to be held one Friday, January 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Mary Cemetery, 1141 Stanley St., New Britain. Alfred will be lovingly laid to rest with his beloved Emma, with military honors. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newinton, is assisting Alfred's family. To share a memory with Alfred's family, please visit us at www.duksa.net



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Howard, William "Bill"



William "Bill" Howard, 75, of East Granby, beloved husband for 46 years of Linda "Sue" (Walls) Howard, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022. In addition to his wife, Bill survived by his children

Tuesday Howard-Miller, Wendi Howard, Mindee Waltz and her husband Shawn, Brian Howard and his wife Ali, Zak Howard and his wife Raegan, Jonathan

Howard and his wife Megan, and Jessica Steigerwalt and her husband Rich; grandchildren, Steffanni, Tyler, Sydney, Morgan, Monica, Max, Sara, Ike, Bennett, Grayson, Koa, and Sloane; sister, Grace Rocci; brother,

Frank Howard; and other relatives and dear friends. His family will receive family and friends on Saturday, January 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., with a Celebration of his Life, 1 p.m., at Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will be private.
To read the full obituary or attend the service remotely,

visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Lawrence, Sr., Allen R.



Allen "Big Al" R. Lawrence, Sr., 75, of Glastonbury and Tolland, CT passed away on January 8, 2022, with his family by his side. He was married to the love of his life, MaryAnn (Wilkos) Lawrence for 55 years. Allen leaves behind his beloved son Allen Lawrence, Jr., and his wife Christy, his granddaughter Kayleigh, as well as his great-

grandson and best buddy Kayden. He is also survived by his brother William and his wife June, brother-in-law Joseph, sister-in-law Joanne, and many nieces and nephews.

In early 2020, he lost his daughter Sherri which hurt him deeply. Allen is also pre-deceased by his brothers Robert and Peter, brother-in-law Gary, sister-in-law Claire, and nephews Dennis and Tracy.

Big Al was born in Hartford and raised in Glastonbury before settling in Tolland for over 45 years. A staple in the community, Allen was a local business owner for over two decades. He was a member of several local clubs and associations where he spent time with numerous close friends who enjoyed a great game of cards. Always staying busy, Allen also worked for Hertz rental car at Bradley airport where he was a smiling force for all those coming and gaing from his home face for all those coming and going from his home state. His family and friends have fond memories of Big Al including trips to Mohegan Sun or Foxwoods, summers by the family pool, and chasing after his greatgrandson, something that always made him happy.

Calling hours are being held at Tolland Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Merrow Road, Tolland on Friday, January 14, 2022 from 5:00–7:00 p.m., with a Funeral Home Service taking place on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., at the same location. Burial will follow at St. Bernard's Cemetery, Vernon. The family is requesting masks to be worn during services. In place of a reception, the family will be having a Celebration. of a reception, the family will be having a Celebration of Life at a later date. The family would especially like to thank the members of the Tolland Fire Department. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Burch, Ida Mae (Solomon)



Ida Mae (Solomon) Burch, 90, of Middletown, wife of Thomas Lee Burch for sixtyeight years, passed away on January 1, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital. Born in Millen, GA, she was the daughter of the late James and Ellen (Roberts) Solomon.

Ida lived in Middletown since 1956. She was a member of House of God where she was

very active including being a Missionary, Sunday school teacher, Deacon Board and President of the Usher Board. Church was Ida's life.

Along with her husband, Ida is survived by three daughters, Herdean L. McCaw and her husband Depressley of Plantsville, Gloria Welch of Tocoma, MD and Leslie Perry and her husband Gee of Middletown; six grandchildren five great grandchildren; a great, great grandchild and a host of nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, Ida was predeceased by a

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 14th at 11:00 am at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 346 Butternut Street, Middletown. Burial will follow in the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown. Family and friends may call on Friday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am before the service at the church. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Dixon, W. Renita



W. Renita (Renata) Dixon, 62, of Windsor, CT, departed this life on Thursday, January 6, 2022. Renata was born on March 6, 1959 in Wiesbaden, Germany to Willie H. Dixon and Mary K. Dixon. A célebration of life for Renata

will take place on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 11:30am at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard

K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Dixon family and view the full obituary please visit, www. hkhfuneralservices.com



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Swent, Glenn William

Glenn William Swent, 57, of Berlin, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in New Britain, he was a former Southington

resident before moving to Berlin in 1980. Glenn was employed as a Central Office Technician at AT&T. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church of East Berlin and the Dart League Association.

Surviving are his mother, Patricia Kelly Swent; a sister, Jill Eshoo, and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin. Burial will be in Wilcox Cemetery. Calling hours are Thursday from 6-8 PM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin/Porter's, 111 Chamberlain Hwy, Kensington. Please share a memory of Glenn with the family in the online guest book @ www.eircksonhansenberlin.com

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Schmardel, Theresa

Theresa Murray Schmardel left us on January 8, 2022 at the age of 86. Theresa was born in the Bronx, New York in 1935 to William and Irene Murray. She met and fell in love with a young coast guard cadet Walter Schmardel and married at the age of 16. They remained in New York and started their family. They then moved to Clinton where their family grew to 5 children.
Terry, as she was affectionately known, began helping

the lunch staff at what is now the Joel School. She loved to be surrounded by children and many of her own children's friends became family to her. Terry then went to work at a small book store in

Madison as reading was a passion for her. She also enjoyed walks in the rain and listening to loud music in her headphones. Christmas Eve was special to her as her family and close friends gathered together to celebrate.

Terry later became a fixture at The Food Bag in Old Saybrook where she enjoyed working with and often teasing her customers. Her verbal sparring with customers grew to a large following and earned that particular store "best of the year" honors on several occasions.

Terry was a kind and giving person who would go out of her way to help others. She also had a particular stare that could stop a very strong man in his tracks! She will be dearly missed by her family and by all who knew her, but all will be comforted knowing that she is reunited with her beloved Walter in time for their

wedding anniversary.

Terry is predeceased by her husband Walter, sister Iris, and brother William. She leaves behind her 5 children: Kristine and husband Christopher, Walter and wife Amel. Peter and wife Donna, Teresa, David and wife Carol. She also leaves 10 grandchildren: Kimberly, Amanda, Laura, Melissa, Mark, Tavis, Devin, Rachel, Mathew, and Charles, as well as 2 great grandchildren, Brian and Theia.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (Alz.org) in her memory.

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Quagliaroli, Jr, Peter



Peter Joseph Quagliaroli, Jr., 57, passed away Monday, January 3, 2022, at Glens Falls Hospital.

Born June 16, 1964, in Hartford, Connecticut, he was the son of Peter Joseph, Sr., and Judith (Taravella) Quagliaroli.

Peter was a graduate of Suffield High School in Connecticut. Over the years, he owned numerous restaurants in Connecticut. Most

recently, he moved to upstate New York, where he was the proud owner of Crabby Joe's in Lake George. Some of his enjoyments in life were riding his Harley and being a part of the Lake George Community, but above all he loved cooking and spending time with his children. He was the most ridiculous, funniest guy, who loved telling stories, joking, and just making people

In addition to his parents, those left to cherish his memory are his longtime partner Michelle Wilson; children, Morgan, Tyler, and Mitchell Quagliaroli, Meadow Williams, and Kyle Libiszewski; sister, Jilldean Neale (Kelly); brothers, David (Kristen) Quagliaroli and Steven (Amanda) Quagliaroli; aunt, JoAnn Powling; and many

nieces, nephews, and cousins.
The family is planning memorial services for Peter here in Lake George, as well as in Connecticut that will be announced at a later date.

Condolences may be sent directly to Baker Funeral Home, 11 Lafayette St., Queensbury, NY 12804or through www.bakerfuneralhome.com.

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Nugent, Dorothy R. (May)

Dorothy (Regina) May Nugent of Skowhegan, Maine passed away on December 26, 2021 of natural causes. She was 92 years old. She was recently preceded in death by her beloved husband of 71 years, Russell A.

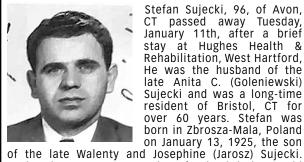
Dotte was the youngest child in a large family that was quite proud of their Polish heritage. She grew up in Newington, Connecticut. In high school, she was Class Secretary, played varsity basketball, was a cheerleader and was active in the Glee Club and Chorus. She married in 1950 and followed her husband to Wichita Falls, Texas where he was stationed in the Air Force. Her daughter Ivy was born there in 1953. They eventually moved back to Newington and Dotte worked many years in the State Capital. In 1966, the family moved to Simsbury, Connecticut where son Russell III (born in 1962) was raised. Dotte worked many years at Ensign Bickford in Simsbury. She enjoyed pheasant hunting and fishing with her family and was active in bowling and gold leagues with friends. After retirement, Russ and Dotte moved to Skowhegan, Maine where they resided until recently. They spent much time together, traveling and enjoying the outdoors. They enjoyed UConn women's basketball, Red Sox baseball and Penn State football. There will be no services.

Dotte was a beloved mother and wife and a kind, caring, and patient person. She will be missed.

Arrangements entrusted to Hobbs Funeral Home, South Portland, Maine. Online condolences may be expressed at www.hobbsfuneralhome.com.

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Sujecki, Stefan



Stefan Sujecki, 96, of Avon, CT passed away Tuesday, January 11th, after a brief stay at Hughes Health & Rehabilitation, West Hartford, He was the husband of the late Anita C. (Goleniewski) Sujecki and was a long-time resident of Bristol, CT for

of the late Walenty and Josephine (Jarosz) Sujecki. During the German occupation of Poland during World War II, at the age of 18, Stefan was sent to a forced labor camp in Germany. After the camp was liberated, he worked for the US Army in Germany for several years before emigrating to the United States in 1949. He was later employed by General Electric in Plainville for 35 years before retiring in 1987. He was a long-time member of St. Stanislaus Church Bristol, CT 06010. Stefan was predecease by his eldest son, Stephen Sujecki. He is survived by one son, Robert Sujecki and his wife Elizabeth of Bristol, daughter, Barbara Zoghbi and her husband Maroun of Avon, 4 grandchildren, Edward and wife Jennifer Sujecki of Fairfax, VA, Michael Zoghbi of Avon, CT, David Zoghbi of Newington, CT, and Brian Sujecki of Pawcatuck, CT.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol, on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11 AM. Family and friends may call at Dunn Funeral Home 191 West St. on Saturday from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery Bristol, CT. WWW.Dunnfh.com

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Folan, III, John F.



John F. Folan, III "Jack", beloved husband of Deborah (Contois) Folan, passed away after battling cancer for the after battling cancer for the past 22 years, on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Born in Springfield, MA on March 16, 1947, he was the son of the late John F. Folan, Jr. and Pauline (Telepciak) Folan. He worked for the East Windsor School system as a Health School system as a Health and P.E. Teacher from 1971 until his retire-

ment in 2007. Jack was a retired Sergeant in the US Air National Guard, serving for 20 years and received an award for being an outstanding official. Jack played softball for several years and also umpired for several men's and women's leagues. He enjoyed his retirement, worked out daily to his favorite rock bands, especially the Rolling Stones, and continued to officiate sports until COVID hit. Jack enjoyed traveling, watching football with his son Shane, enjoyed blaving Setback, and reading non-fiction books. Jack playing Setback, and reading non-fiction books. Jack was a devout Catholic who attended St. Bernard's Church in Enfield. Besides his wife Deborah, he leaves 4 children, Shane, Tara, Heather, and Michael; 5 grandchildren, plus one special granddaughter Bailey, with whom he loved watching Seinfeld with; 3 niece's; 7 nephew's and 3 siblings, Marguerite Devlin, Kevin Folan, and Christopher Folan. Services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels has care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestevens.com

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Pohorylo, John T.



John T. Pohorylo, 97, formerly of Enfield and Suffield, husband of the late Wanda (Pawelec) Pohorylo, entered into eternal peace Monday, Jan. 10, 2022 at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. Born and raised in Enfield, John was one of twelve children of the late John and Sophie (Kwapier) Pohorylo. He was a communicant of St. Adalbert Church before moving to Suffield where he became a communicant of St. Joseph's Church. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WW II and was a member of the John Maciolek Post #154 American Legion. Following his service, he was employed as a Television Engineer for WFSB for 27 years before retiring. John enjoyed playing cards, and loved driving to the track with his brother Ray to watch

either the horses or dogs race in New Hampshire.
He is survived by two daughters, Carol Dietz and her husband Michael of Prospect, CT, Elaine Hill and her husband Malcolm of San Diego,CA, a brother, Raymond Pohorylo of Enfield, four grandchildren, Monica Hill, Malcolm Hill, Jr, Eric Dietz and Patrick Dietz. He also leaves many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and grand nephews. Besides his wife Wanda, John and grand nephews. Besides his wife Wanda, John was predeceased by two brothers, Edward and Stanley Pohorylo, and eight sisters, Josephine Niemic, May Poirek, Stasia Frigon, Stella Kowal, Francis Bourque, Felice Pohorylo, Agnes Pohorylo and Jean Campbell. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday Jan. 15, 2022 at St. Adalbert Church of St. Raymond of Penafort Parish, 90 Alden Ave., Enfield, CT (Please meet at Church). Military Honors will follow the Mass. Burial will be private and held at the family's convenience. Donations in John's memory may be made to the John Maciolek Post #154 American Legion, PO Box 154, Enfield, CT 06083. To leave online condolences, please visit www.Leetestevens.com

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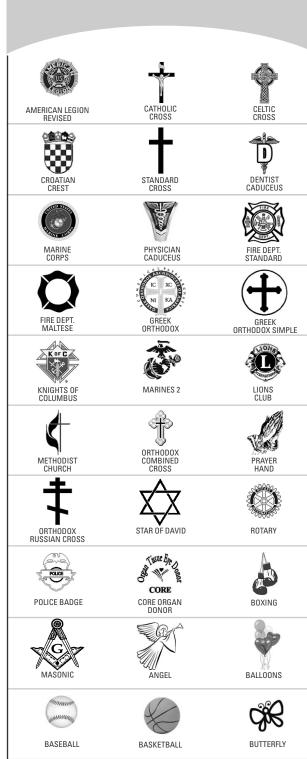
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State workforce to receive \$60M boost

Federal money will help spur development plans that were interrupted by COVID-19

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

Workforce development plans that were knocked off course by COVID-19 are getting a new push in Connecticut with more than \$60 million in federal pandemic relief, Gov. Ned Lamont said Tuesday.

Kelli Vallieres, executive director of the

Connecticut Workforce Development Unit. said the state will earmark \$14 million each for manufacturing, health care and information technology; \$10 million to infrastructure and green jobs; and about \$9 million to all other industries. Funding will be for job training and other activities.

"This represents one of the largest investments Connecticut has ever made in workforce training," she said at a news conference.

Demand is highest in Connecticut for jobs in manufacturing, health care and information technology, Vallieres said. Applications for the money will emphasize underrepresented workers such as communities of color, former prison inmates, veterans and the disabled.

Funding will be available to regional workforce boards, nonprofit organizations, colleges and other agencies that apply for it, she said. The organizations will be asked to collaborate to strengthen pre-assessment and technical and employability skills, Vallieres said. The deadline to apply for the money is Feb. 20.

Employers are not eligible to apply for the money, but will benefit from the training. Lamont in 2019 established an advisory group that submitted a report the following year recommending strategies to match skilled workers with jobs in manufacturing, health care and information technology. The group also turned its attention to social problems that trap low-wage workers.

The governor said his workforce development plans were hit by "immediate shortterm COVID-related interruptions."

The federal money will be a key piece of the state's economic development strategy, Lamont said. Employers looking to set up

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Bricks lie under a destroyed awning after the facade of a Hartford apartment building crumbled Monday night, forcing five families from their homes. No injuries were reported. Martinez Market on the ground floor of the building closed. MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Apartment building facade tumbles down

Partial building collapse in Hartford forces five families to evacuate

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

The facade of a Hartford apartment building crumbled Monday night, forcing five families from their homes.

No one was injured in the collapse, which happened about 10:20 p.m. at 459 Wethersfield Ave., District Chief Mario Oquendo Jr.

Part of the front of the three-story apartment building came tumbling down, sending bricks to the sidewalk outside a first-floor business. The building was evacuated, and because the front exit was compromised, no

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Bricks are revealed after the facade of a Hartford apartment building crumbled Monday,

Two men held on bond die of COVID-19

Both inmates reportedly treated in medical isolation at MacDougall-Walker

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Department of Correction said Tuesday that two incarcerated people died of COVID-19 in the past week, both of whom were being held on bond.

One person, a 54-year-old man, had been receiving treatment in the medical isolation unit of the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution since Jan. 1, according to the DOC. He became unresponsive Jan. 4 and was taken by ambulance to a hospital, where he died.

The man, whom the agency did not identify, had entered the state correctional system on July 5, 2021, and was being held on a \$650,000 bond for first degree robbery.

Another person, a 67-year-old man, entered medical isolation at MacDougall-Walker in late December and was transferred to a hospital Dec. 29. He died

The man, whom the agency also did not name, entered the correctional system on Feb. 25, 2019, and was being held on a \$750,000 bond for home invasion, the agency said.

"This sad news only strengthens my resolve to continue the Agency's fight to combat the spread of this stubborn virus," DOC Commissioner Angel Quiros said in a statement. "My condolences go out to the families of the two departed individuals."
Since the start of the pandemic there

have been 25 deaths of individuals incarcerated in Department of Correction jails.

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Police task force issues its proposals

Accountability measures include better transparency, training, increased diversity

By Daniela Altimari Hartford Courant

A task force created by the legislature more than two years ago approved a list of proposals Tuesday that aim to improve the accountability, transparency and diversity of police departments in Connecticut.

The 21 recommendations endorsed by the Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force range from establishing standards for citizen accountability boards to requiring police to post their policies and procedures on their websites.

"Right now, what we're doing is setting a marker: here are all the things we agree need to happen," said Ken Barone, a policy and research specialist at the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at UConn. "The next step is how do we make them happen. That's going to be an ongoing

The task force was initially formed in 2019 by the legislature; its mission was

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State gives \$1.3M for New Britain apartments

Site cleanup is required to convert vacant factory into mixed-income rentals

By Don Stacom

Hartford Courant

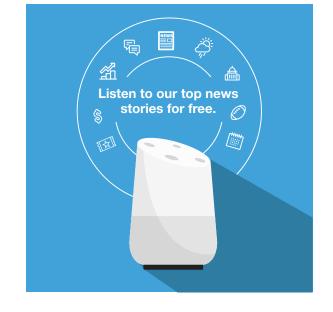
The state is providing about \$1.3 million to clean up the contaminated land around the vacant Polar Corp. building in downtown New Britain so the owner can convert it into more than 60 apartments.

The \$15 million project is an example of how CTfastrak — controversial when it opened seven years ago - has been a major

plus for the city, Mayor Erin Stewart said. "The state has really doubled down on its commitment to partner with communities that want to build up areas around mass-transit systems," she said. "You have so many success stories that are coming along with this."

The four-story brick building on Columbus Boulevard and High Street is about a block-and-a-half walk from the downtown CTfastrak station, making it a prime target for Connecticut's drive to foster development near train and bus lines.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

What type of mask works best?

By Alex Putterman Hartford Courant

As the omicron variant of COVID-19 has surged in Connecticut, experts say masks remain an essential tool to control the spread of

At the same time, the question of which type of mask to wear has grown increasingly complicated.

Here is what to know.

What kind should you wear?

As omicron spreads, experts say N95, KN95 and other respirator masks do the best job of blocking coronavirus particles, followed by surgical masks.

"N95s certainly offer you that [extra] level of protection," Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, said Tuesday. "The problem is it doesn't fit everyone correctly and has to be fitted. For those of you who have facial hair or different type faces, if you don't get that tight seal it may not actually work as well."

According to the Washington Post, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is weighing a recommendation that people opt for N95 or KN95 masks whenever possible, particularly as opposed to cloth masks.

"The agency is currently actively looking to update its recommendations for KN95 and N95 in light of omicron," an anonymous official told the Post. "We know these masks provide better filtra-

N95 masks have been found to filter out up to 95% of particles in the air, far



The Connecticut National Guard loads pallets of N95 masks onto trucks at the state Commodities Warehouse in New Britain in December for distribution to cities and towns to hand out free to residents. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

more than other types of masks. The downside, physicians say, is that they must be fitted properly and are often uncomfortable to wear, which may lead to people taking them off and on.

Dr. Scott Roberts, associate medical director for infection prevention at Yale New Haven Hospital, said he typically wears a basic surgical masks instead.

"A surgical mask, if properly worn, is still quite effective and should still reduce the risk of getting infected and transmitting the virus quite well." Roberts said.

What about cloth masks?

Growing research suggests cloth masks offer limited protection against the omicron variant because they do not effectively filter

out coronavirus aerosols. "Cloth masks are probably the most comfortable the most widely utilized, but the problem is that they're thin, especially the single-layer ones," Wu said. "We don't expect much protection

from omicron." As a result, experts increasingly encourage people to avoid cloth masks, unless they have no other option.

"Probably, we need to sunset cloth masks at this point in time," Keith Grant, Hartford HealthCare's senior system director for infection prevention, said.

What should children wear?

According to the Food and Drug Administration, N95 masks are not intended for use by children.

Both Grant and Roberts said kids in schools should wear regular surgical masks instead.

"There is absolutely no study, no research, no data that support there's a need for kids to wear N95 at this point," Grant said. "The [research] still supports your normal procedural surgical mask being very, very effective against COVID-19."

Roberts said even hospitals workers struggle to wear N95 masks for hours at a time and that kids would likely have a difficult time

"Wearing it continuously without taking it off or removing it to readjust how it fits on your face, it's really challenging to do to," he said. "Knowing how hard it is in our workforce to have somebody wear it all day, I imagine it's much harder in a school setting."

Where are N95 masks available?

N95 masks aren't always easy to find but also aren't as scarce as they were earlier in the pandemic. Those looking for N95 masks can find them through retailers including Amazon and Home Depot, in stores or online.

Additionally, Connecticut towns and cities have distributed N95 masks supplied by the state to local residents in recent weeks and will continue to do so as more become available.

Hartford residents, for example, can pick up N95 masks (along with testing kits and other supplies) Thursday at six locations, including the Downtown Hartford Public Library, the Camp Field Library Branch, and the Albany Avenue Library, as well as the Mark Twain House, the Northwest Boys and Girls Club, and Maria De La Paz Church/St. Lawrence O'Toole.

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Vernon police arrest driver who fired gun before fleeing

New Britain schools

chief, assistant both

stepping down in '22

his tenure ended with an angry stalemate between

him and the school board.

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sizing that New Brit-

ain gives its schools the

second-lowest funding per

student of any community

her State of the City

speech to condemn the

performance of the school

system, calling it "a massive

bureaucracy that is failing

in November, Stewart

spent part of her inaugural

address again taking aim

at Sarra's administration,

saying "While there's so

much greatness happen-

ing in our city, our school

system continues to under-

perform when compared

to the rest of the state. It

afterward that they'd be

meeting in mid-winter

to discuss school perfor-

implemented several

organizational changes

and budget overhauls, and

worked to build parent

engagement, particularly

at the elementary schools.

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Stewart and Sarra said

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After she was reelected

Stewart last year used

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But Sarra, like her prede-

By Don Stacom

After more than a year

of clashing between New

Britain schools Superintendent Nancy Sarra and

Mayor Erin Stewart, Sarra

announced Monday that

she's retiring this spring

and her second-in-com-

mand is leaving later in the

Sarra told the school

board at its meeting

Monday evening that she'll

retire when the school

vear concludes in June.

Assistant Superintendent

Michael Foran also intends

to retire in August, just

before the 2022-23 school

Sarra was put in charge

of the 10,000-student

school system in 2016 after

a year of interim adminis-

trators following the depar-

ture of Superintendent Kelt

educators were optimis-

tic that Sarra — a long-

time New Britain schools

administrator — would bring stability after

Cooper's tumultuous

term. Cooper had been

recruited from Texas amid

high expectations that he'd

improve the city's perenni-

ally struggling schools, but

At the time, many city

year begins.

Cooper.

Hartford Courant

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A man who police suspect fired a gun in Vernon and New Britain before engaging officers in a 50-mile chase into Massachusetts last month has been extradited to Connecticut.

Vernon police on Tuesday arrested Alexander Hernandez, 21, of New Britain. He was in custody on \$350,000 bail.

Police said Hernandez fired shots outside a house on Village Street in the Rockville section of town early on the morning of Dec. 29. No one was injured.

He also is suspected of firing a gun in New Britain – again, no one was hurt — and three times fleeing police who were on a special anti-auto theft detail in Newington.

The officers tried to pull over the car he was driving twice that morning, first at 2:10 a.m. and later at 3:45 a.m., but the driver kept going and police declined to chase him. Police didn't say why they tried to pull him over; the car wasn't

But by the time they

spotted the blue Mitsubishi Lancer a third time, the car had been tied to gunfire in Vernon and New Britain. With help from the state police, officers then chased the car through Hartford into Massachu-

setts, where the Massachu-

setts State Police took him

into custody. Vernon is the first Connecticut police department to charge Hernandez in connection with the incidents that night. Vernon police found his name on pay stubs left at the scene of the gunfire, which happened during an argument, according to

the arrest warrant. His Vernon charges include criminal attempt to commit first-degree assault; criminal attempt to commit second-degree assault with a firearm: first-degree reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct.

His gun charges are criminal possession of a firearm; carrying a pistol without a permit and illegal possession of a weapon in a motor vehicle.

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The building has stood vacant since aerospace components manufacturer Polar moved manufacturing to Farmington about six years ago. It was used for heavy industry long before Polar; city land records list it a being constructed in 1900.

Polar Corp. President Andy Kowalski wants to convert the building into 61 mixed-income apartments. That project has been talked about for years, Stewart said, but wasn't possible without state aid for environmental remediation.

"This would continue to be (just) a dream if it were not for the brownfield money that's been made

available," Stewart said Tuesday. "These are tricky areas for redevelopment — you won't see it happen if there isn't some type of additional assistance because the properties are too expensive. A developer can't get financing for brownfield work so you'd have to put up \$1 million in cash, and people just don't have the type of money."

Gov. Ned Lamont's administration is providing the \$1.3 million through a department of economic and community development grant program for brownfield cleanups.

New Britain's state legislative delegation put out statements praising Lamont after the announcement.

"This grant will help to move forward efforts to create new housing while

spurring local economic activity," said Sen. Rick Lopes, D-New Britain.

Bringing abandoned properties back into productive use helps New Britain with environmental protection, quality of life and the tax base," Rep. Manny Sanchez said.

Stewart said the environmental cleanup could take more than a year, and projected that the full Polar remodeling job is a two- to four-year project. It's one of several new large-scale apartment developments in various stages of progress downtown; work is under way to restore the Berkowitz Building as rental housing, and developer Avner Krohn is completing the site work for a roughly 110-unit project he calls The Brit. Last

a nearly identical project alongside it. The city is preparing to

week, Krohn said he plans

seek developers for the second half of the former police headquarters property along Columbus Boulevard. The first half is the site of Columbus Commons, an 80-unit apartment building that opened to tenants last

"We're seeing the result of years of planning. These projects are all on very different timelines," Stewart said. "We have competition between developers, but they're also complementing each other - and they're all following the city's longterm vision.

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Police

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refined and expanded in 2020, following national outrage over the murder of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis.

"We started even before Mr. Flovd was killed," said Daryl McGraw, a criminal justice consultant who co-chairs the task force. "It's been two years and we've had a lot of conversations... so much work went into this."

Some of the task force's recommendations, such as the appointment of an inspector general to investigate and prosecute police use of force cases, have already been implemented.

Some of the recommendations can be implemented on the local level or by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, which establishes standards for law enforcement officials in Connecticut.

Several of the recommendations made by the task force aim to improve police interactions with people who have mental health issues and other disabilities.

One proposal calls for licensed clinical social workers to conduct behavioral health assessments. Other measures include expanding the 211 system to take some of the non-emergency calls typically handled by 911 dispatchers and create a voluntary registry so police will know if they are interacting with a disabled resident.

The recommendations also include a proposal to provide police with additional training to improve their understanding of mental and physical disabil-

Milford Police Chief Keith Mello, who serves on the task force, said some of the task force recommendations are "under-developed." But those policies can be worked on by lawmakers, he said.

The task force spent close to two years examining a myriad of issues relating to policing. It held several "listening tours" to hear from members of the public about their experiences with law enforcement.

Improving diversity was one of the group's main goals. To that end, it is recommending state support for programs that recruit and train police officers who reflect the state's racial and ethnic demographics. It is also supporting efforts more diversity within the civilian ranks of police departments.

The task force also adopted a number of proposals to improve transparency and build public trust. It is recommending police departments post all of their procedures on their website, so members of the public will have a better understanding of how these agencies operate.

"There's a lot of unfinished work on the table," McGraw said, but the recommendations represent "an opportunity to open some doors, to open the lines of communication ... [with] police departments.

"This [should be] the first step, not the last step," he

The report will be submitted to the legislature's judiciary and public safety committees for possible action during the 2022 session, which begins in February. Task force recommendations are available at ctpolicetransparency.com.

Park Street building collapsed onto the second floor.

Workforce

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shop or expand can ask for aid tied to the federal fund-

The unemployment rate in Connecticut had plummeted to 6% in November from a peak of 11.4% in May 2020 when the economy reeled from government-ordered business shutdowns. However, employers in industries as varied as retail, manufacturing and transportation are unable to fill jobs that have been vacant for months or even a year or longer.

Economists say employment problems are caused by a mismatch between skills needed to fill jobs and what applicants offer, inadequate daycare that prevents parents from seeking work or holding down a job and a reluctance by some to risk COVID-

19 infection by working outside the home.

A workforce development report that Lamont released in October 2020, called for the launch of three to five skills-based hiring pilot initiatives, establishing talent retention organizations in three cities and establishing training programs for "high-priority jobs" in manufacturing, health care,

Vallieres said CARES Act funding of \$10 million among the first rounds of financial help from Washington in 2020 – helped train more than 1,300 workers. Nearly two-thirds of the beneficiaries were low-income participants who found work in manufacturing, health care and information technology.

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Collapse

one was allowed back in the building, he said. It wasn't clear early Tuesday afternoon if other parts of the building were considered structurally sound.

The residents of five

apartments were displaced, Oquendo said, and four of the families, five adults and four children, asked for help with finding temporary housing. The city's housing and human services staff helped relocate the families.

A CT Transit bus gave the residents a warm place to stay while employees worked to line up temporary housing, he said.

This is not the city's first building collapse. A similar façade collapse happened at Garden and Capen streets in May 2018. No one was injured.

And a few months later, in July 2018, the third and fourth floor in the back of a vacant

No one was injured in that collapse, either, but the collapse forced the evacuation of dozens of nearby apartments and businesses.

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Readers pick favorite local restaurants

At the Dam, a diner in East Windsor, gets the most nominations

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

In the early days of January, we polled our readers: What are your favorite neighborhood haunts, the mom and pops, your go-to places for affordable, delicious family

We're not talking about the high-priced restaurants that get all the attention. We're talking about the small places that may not have a website, but they don't need one, because they are the center of the community on a day-to-day basis.

We got hundreds of nominations. More than half of the top vote-getters are breakfast-andlunch only, which just proves that one great coffee shop can tie a whole town together.

The winner, with the most nominations by far, is At the Dam in East Windsor. This diner's unpretentious exterior gives no clue to the love this small breakfast-lunch place has in the community. Nominators commented on the friendliness of the staff, the perfection of the hash and the tasty soup specials.

One nominator raved, "This hidden gem in Broad Brook is operated by a foodie who knows how to make both comfort food and gastronomical delights with equal flair. ... The only drawback for me is that I don't live closer but maybe that's a good thing!'

Another nominator wrote "Food is outstanding and the staff are friendly and inviting! I feel like family when I'm there. The environment has a community feel and they definitely live up to their slogan 'where friends meet.' This is my go-to breakfast spot!"

At the Dam, at 100 Main St., is open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday and 7 a.m. to noon on Sundays. It serves breakfast and lunch favorites — omelets, pancakes, sandwiches, burgers and posts daily specials on Face-

On patriotic holidays, a favorite special is the red, white and blue pancakes, topped with strawberries, blueberries and whipped cream. Other fun specials are the peanut butter and jelly French toast stack, s'mores pancakes and taco omelet. They can be found on

Here are the other 10 top vote-getters.

Ana's Kitchen

Ana's Kitchen was at 712 Hopmeadow St. in Simsbury for three years and reopened last summer at 244 Farms Village Road, which is closer to the farms where owner Ana Oliviera got her ingredients.

Ana's fans followed her to the new location and noticed the farmto-table freshness. "Their food is homemade, and so fresh you can taste the difference. My family loves it, we go every weekend. They have the kindest staff," one nominator wrote.

Popular menu items are the Sunshine Salad with avocado, chickpeas, feta and sunflower and pumpkin seeds; a chipotle chicken sandwich with bacon and avocado; scrambled eggs with lox; a farmer's omelet with potatoes, cheddar, chives and tomato; and a Croque Madame, with cheese and ham on sourdough, Bechamel sauce and fried eggs on top.

Ana's hours are Tuesday to Friday 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekends 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. anaskitchencafe.com.

Mo's Midtown

Mo's Midtown, a beloved anchor in Hartford for decades, continues to bring the love to its 25 Whitney St. location in the West End.

"Mo's is the quintessential breakfast and lunch spot in the west end of Hartford. Stanley, a Polish immigrant, is a loveable yet grumpy owner, making generous portions of affordable, delicious food to a wide array of diverse characters. He might even teach you a little Polish. And Spanish," a longtime fan wrote.



Server Rail Weaver brings breakfast to diners in At the Dam in Broad Brook, MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

At Mo's, everything is a little bit Mo. Egg dishes include Papa Mo, Mama Mo, Baby Mo and Egg McMo. They also have omelets, pancakes, burgers and sandwiches and specials. One nominator wrote "Try their potato pancakes or their potato pancakes smothered in mushroom gravy."

Mo's Midtown is open weekdays 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and weekends 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Its web presence is minimal, but Mo's does have a Facebook page and a menu can be found on Yelp.

Ken's Corner

Ken's Corner Breakfast & Lunch, at 30 Hebron Ave. in Glastonbury, is the "quintessential neighborhood breakfast and lunch place. Family-run, with super friendly owners and waitstaff, personal touches galore, homemade delicious and fresh, high quality food prepared with care and flair. Great neighbor vibe."

One nominator said that about the beloved breakfast-and-lunch spot, which has been a landmark in Glastonbury for about 34 vears. Owner Ken D'Attilio prides himself on the freshness of his food, getting it from farmers in

Ken's offers an extensive menu of breakfast classics including its "Big Eater" menu items, soups, salads, hot and cold sandwiches and burgers. Daily specials are offered, like various muffin and bagel flavors and loaded omelets, lobster sandwiches and pumpkin everything.

Ken's is open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekends. facebook.com/ kenscornerbreakfast

Monte Alban

Monte Alban, at 531 Farmington Ave. in Hartford, "provides an oasis in which to relax, enjoy a meal, and escape from the business of Farmington Avenue," one fan commented online.

Another raved, "The chicken enchiladas verdes platter is so delicious. The corn cakes melt in your mouth and the black beans are perfect seasoned."

The bright-yellow Mexican restaurant has been a fixture in the West End for 20 years. It was founded by brothers Alfonso and Wenceslao Martinez, natives of Oaxaca. Their menu features authentic Mexican flavors in familiar dishes like quesadillas, tostadas, tamales and ceviche and lesser-known bites such as shrimp, crab and octopus in cocktail sauce; pork chops in green pumpkin seed sauce; red snapper with salad and rice; and tilapia with chipotle sauce. montealbanhartford.com.



"It's always been a dream to do this." says Susan Chadbourne, who left a corporate career to open At the Dam with her son Paul Merker.

Aurora's

Aurora's Bakery Restaurant, at 299 Capitol Ave. in Hartford, has "a warm atmosphere that's like a neighborhood oasis." That's what one of the nominators said about the restaurant owned by Guatemala-born Karen Valenzuela, Ericka Valenzuela and Gabi and Joshua Orellana.

The tiny restaurant opened a year into the pandemic, and it was immediately embraced by the community in the Frog Hollow neighborhood.

Menu items include sebas nachos, tostada aguacate, tacos dorados, platanos crema queso, estrellados, and other Guatemalan, Mexican, Salvadoran and American meals, as well as breads and pastries

It also has a huge variety of fresh squeezed juices — melon, pineap-ple, papaya, hibiscus, pina colada, green apple, celery, cucumber and smoothies. On Three Kings Day, Jan. 6, they made traditional Kings rosettes.

Aurora's is open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays. facebook.com/ Aurorascapitol

Glastonbury **Coffee Shop**

Glastonbury Coffee Shop, at 30 Welles St., is a perfect community hangout. "This has been my familv's go-to breakfast place for the past 24 years. The food is excellent and the service is consistently outstanding. It's a small breakfast and lunch restaurant that's been around since 1978 and not much has changed since then. No reservations and no tablecloths!," one

nominator said. Another nominator raved about one of America's favorite foods: "Their bacon is out of this world! It is so thinly sliced! Anything with bacon cannot be beat!"

The coffee shop's web presence is minimal. The restaurant is open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekends. facebook.com.

TJ's Burritos

TJ's Burritos at 3 Turkey Hills Road in East Granby is a newcomer — it opened in February 2021. But it caught on fast with locals, who love the idea of getting a burrito for breakfast, or maybe chicken wings, a burger, or just a muffin or scone.

Co-owner Jeremy Jackson was a minority owner and manager at V's Trattoria in Hartford, Another co-owner, Stefan Drago, worked at the Society Room, both in Hartford. The pandemic killed their jobs and they decided to go to the burbs and open a Mexican place. The third co-owner. Tricia Martin. wanted a bakery and coffee shop. They got both.

Starting at 6 a.m. Monday to Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, TJ's serves breakfast breakfast sandwiches and burritos, s'mores toast, avocado toast, biscotti, muffins, scones, croissants - and Mexican food, burgers, wings and sandwiches. After breakfast is over, Mexican, burgers and tacos are served until 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

On the online nomination form, fans raved. "Local gem! Local owners run small business and food and vibe is the best! Best coffee around!"

Get ready for a party on Feb. 11. It's TJ's first birthday and it's Taco Tuesday. tjsburritos.com.

Sally and Bob's

Sally and Bob's, at 10 N. Main St. in West Hartford, is a neighborhood institution. It was opened in 1969 by Sally and Bob Dworetsky. In 1983, they retired, and their daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Ronnie Zieky, took over. In 2016, those two retired and handed the diner over to Helen Brower and Cesar Contreras, who run Sally and Bob's to this day.

The neighborhood has stayed loyal from one owner to the other. "Great food, huge servings, everything so fresh and fast. Love to watch them cook. They know so many customers by name. Fun and delicious," a nominator said.

Starting at 6 a.m. Monday to Saturday and 7 a.m. Sundays, and until 2 p.m. the diner serves breakfast classics, soups of the day, salads, club sandwiches, deli sandwiches, melts, grilled cheese and burgers. sallyandbobs.com

Harvest Café

At 1390 Hopmeadow St. in Simsbury is Harvest Café & Bakery, which one nominator called "the Peach Pit of the Farmington Valley." Another raved "We were delighted to discover it and shocked when we meet others that

Situated near the Simsbury-Granby border so fans from both towns can call it their own, Harvest has an impressive collection of Eggs Benedict dishes, quiches of the day and other breakfast classics.

Lunch, which is served after 11 a.m., includes specialty sandwiches - chicken salad croissant, ham and brie melt, gorgonzola portobello — as well as reubens, grilled cheese, deli classics, burgers, soups and a tempting variety of salads.

Harvest is open Wednesday to Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. harvestcafebakery.com.

Roux Cajun Eatery

Steph Civitillo, a native of the "Jambalaya Capitol of the World," Gonzales, Louisiana, moved to Simsbury and brought her grandma's recipes with her. Roux Cajun Eatery, at 10 Wilcox St., is her homage to her home.

Roux serves gumbo, crawfish etouffee, Gulf shrimp with grits, biscuits and gravy, loup garou burger, loup garou chips, blackened alligator, beignets, King cake, pecan pralines and Doberge

"The recipes are hand-me-down from the chef's family and are oh-so-delicious! Try the shrimp po-boy or the jambalaya — you're in for a treat!," a nominator raved. "The restaurant also has a fun vibe. Check out the authentic New Orleans lighting!'

Roux is open Tuesday to Friday noon to 9 p.m. and weekends 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. rouxct.com.

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Hartford Symphony postpones 'New World' concert

ing, the orchestra says it made the

decision "to ensure the health and

Virus outbreak pushes Masterworks show back

By Christopher Arnott Hartford Courant

Hartford Symphony Orchestra has postponed this weekend's Masterworks concert at The Bushnell due to the surge of the omicron COVID-19 variant.

The concert was to be the fourth of the nine Masterworks concerts in the HSO's 2021-22 season. It was slated to have an African American theme, with Dvorák's rearrangements of Black spirituals "From the New World" and works by early 20th century Black composers Harry Burleigh and Florence Price. The concert had a guest conductor, Jeri Lynn Johnson.

In a press release Tuesday morn-

safety of our audience, orchestra, staff and crew."

A new date for the concert has not yet been announced. Those with tickets to the "From the New World" concert can retain them for the rescheduled dates, exchange them for tickets to a different HSO concert or not use it at all (as a donation to the HSO).

In a statement, HSO President/ CEO Steve Collins said "This decision was a difficult one to make, especially since we felt the positivity and energy returning to in-person performances over the last few months."

The HSO had to cancel several concerts in its 2019-2020 season due to COVID-19, and was not able to have a 2020-21 Masterworks season, holding virtual events and small outdoor ensemble concerts instead. The full orchestra returned for its summer outdoor Talcott Mountain Music Festival in Simsbury. The Oct. 1, 2021, Masterworks concert, Beethoven's seventh symphony, was the first time the HSO had played at The Bushnell since February of 2020.

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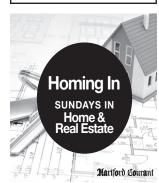
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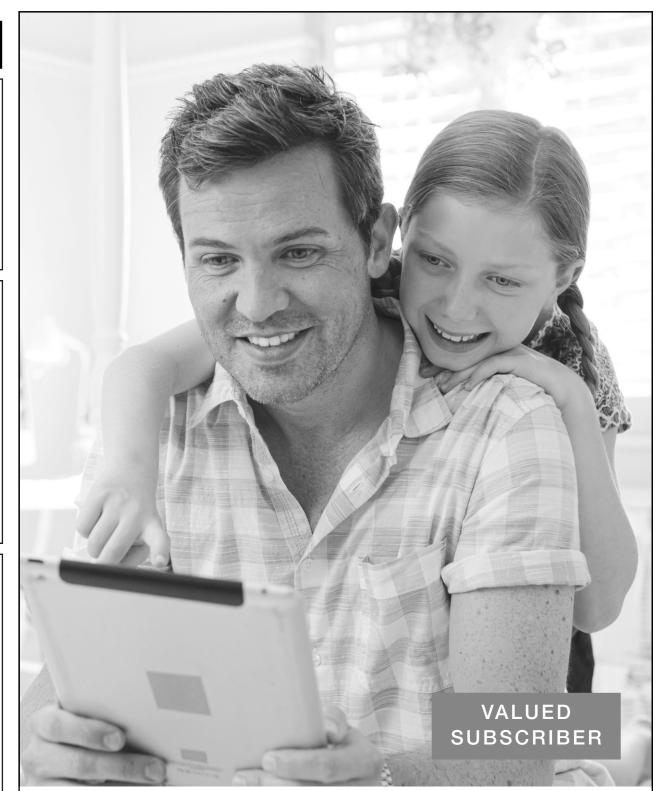
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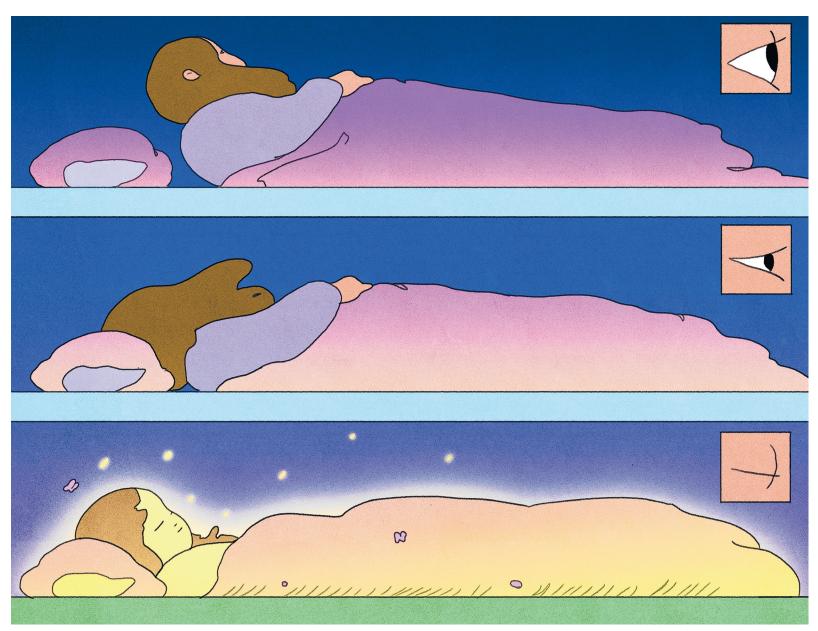
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Once upon a time ...

Bedtime stories were just for kids, but thousands of adults are now going to sleep with storytellers

By Hillary Richard The New York Times

round 10 p.m., Lindsay Colford settles into bed with the dulcet drawl of Matthew McConaughey, who is about to take her on an audio journey through the cosmos until she falls asleep. Some nights, the sound of Harry Styles delicately reciting a bedtime poem echoes off the walls. And on other nights. Regé-Jean Page calmly narrates a story about an English prince.

Colford, 39, an executive assistant from Tinton Falls, New Jersey, is not alone. Thousands of other adults are sleeping with storytellers, both famous and not. In our never-ending quest to get a good night's sleep, bedtime stories are the latest weapon in the arsenal.

No longer just for children, bedtime stories are a key part of many mindfulness and meditation apps, which boomed in popularity throughout the pandemic.

It doesn't end there. The internet is rife with bedtime stories for adults, and plenty of tailored sleep story podcasts, like "Get Sleepy" and "Sleep With Me," exist. There's a reason adults are drawn to bedtime stories, and it goes beyond whimsy and nostalgia.

"A bedtime story works by detracting the mind from self-sabotaging thoughts and worries, which allows the body's adrenaline to come down so the brain can transition into the sleep state," said Dr. Christine Won, associate professor of medicine at Yale School of Medicine and medical director of Yale Center for Sleep Medicine.

"A story, more so than music or background noises, is more likely to force the stubborn mind's attention away from whatever is causing emotional distress," Won said.

"Bedtime stories help me zone

out. Sometimes I don't even remember going to sleep," said Colford, who chooses her stories from the Calm app based on the narrator's voice and a sense of familiarity.

Paul Barrett, a 59-year-old consultant in Denver, started listening to bedtime stories early in the pandemic to try out something new. As a frequent business traveler, Barrett used the Breethe app to help him relax in different time zones. Seeing new bedtime stories pop up in the library piqued his interest.

"I started with the classics. I remember Jane Eyre being like Ambien in high school," he joked. "After not traveling for so long, I've been listening to destination-related stories."

Across the board, travel stories tend to be the most popular — especially train journeys. Their descriptive detail, sense of place, existence in the present moment and the occasional educational components help many listeners get out of their heads. Since the pandemic started, travel bedtime stories have been appeasing the FOMO in some people.

The Calm app has more than 200 options (called "Sleep Stories"), which have been listened to over 450 million times, according to the company. The Breethe app has over 100 stories in its catalog and is introducing one new bedtime story a week to keep up with demand. For Hatch, a customizable sleep system with an accompanying app, bedtime stories are starting to outperform their typical sleep content, like guided meditations and sound-

That doesn't mean they work for everyone, however.

"I found that listening to sleep stories was very distracting instead of calming," said Marian Alaya, 39, from Long Valley, New Jersey. Now, she prefers white noise or guided

meditations.

"When the bedtime stories were introduced, I decided to try something different, and I'm glad I did. I love how the stories help me to visualize all of the details — I find it very relaxing," said Nancy Chernoff, a 60-year-old small business owner from Montreal. Without the comfort of her dog one night, Chernoff turned to "Fido's Journey to His Fur-ever Home," a story on

Breethe about a rescue dog. "The stories engage my mind enough that I can visualize the details of the story rather than focusing on other, more stressful thoughts that so often pop up at bedtime," said Chernoff, who also enjoys the travel stories because of

their rich detail. Dr. Kelly Goldman, a radiation oncologist from El Segundo, California, noticed that during her nightly bedtime story ritual with her son, she would also grow tired. Eventually, she wondered if they'd work on her, too.

"Early in the pandemic was a really stressful time for me at work. I'm a doctor in a radiation oncology center with cancer patients who are at real risk of getting very sick with COVID," Goldman said. She found some brief peace through quiet bedtime stories with flowery language "where nothing really happens."

"They feel cozy," she said. "I feel a little bit like a kid again."

These apps and podcasts offer a wide variety of bedtime stories which is good, because experts agree there is no one size fits all when it comes to sleep.

There are whispered stories for auto sensory meridian response lovers; retellings of the classics; travel journeys; original stories centered around a theme, like holiday; a whole category called "boring," with mundane-by-design recitations of things like the art of bread making; lyrical poems; and stories recited by recognizable celebrity voices.

It may seem simple, but there's a fine art to creating the perfect bedtime story for grown-ups.

For starters, it has to be engaging but not overstimulating. In Calm's "A Very Proper Tea Party," narrated by Dame Mary Berry, the height of the action is a cat dozing off in an English garden after a tea party. The characters can't be too complex. There should be detail (often very descriptive detail) that envelops the listener in the scene and keeps the mind from wandering. The ideal length is between 15 and 30 minutes. Plus, there's the perfect ambient background music.

Then, of course, there's the voice. The narrator can make or break a story. Cadence, tone and energy matter. Listeners like to repeat bedtime stories, so there has to be a perceived connection and an element of dependability, which can be hard to quantify. This is why many of the classics do so well. When Breethe introduced a retelling of "Cinderella," it became their highest-performing track in October, they said. Hatch also prioritized nostalgia in its library, commissioning titles like "The Velveteen Rabbit" and "Peter Pan."

Rebecca Robbins, associate scientist at the Division of Sleep and Circadian Disorders at Brigham & Women's Hospital and an instructor at Harvard Medical School, said bedtime stories for adults make perfect sense.

"Children are among the most well-rested in our society," she said. "It is easy to think that we, as adults, are somehow immune or too mature for these habits. But the truth is we could all benefit from applying the techniques we use with kids."

EX-ETIQUETTE

What to do when a co-parent won't cooperate

By Jann Blackstone Tribune News Service

Q. It's a new year and I'd really like to put my best foot forward with my co-parent. This Christmas, my holiday backed up to her weekend and we had to return my son to her the day after Christmas just to sleep, only to return to my home in the morning. To eliminate all the backand-forth, I proposed he

stay with me and that we lengthen the time with her when he returned. but she wouldn't even consider it. It was an automatic no. It always is. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. I find many co-parents are so used to saying no that they don't even listen to the rationale when a change is proposed. "No!" comes out of their mouth and that's it. And you can bet if that happens, that parent

has not weighed what is best for the child. They are either concerned about things like revenge or fear that the child might like the other parent's home more, or who has more time, not what's easier on the child.

Here's the thing to remember: It's not your time with your child. It's not the other parent's time. It's the child's time with both of you. Your child is only one little person who is trying to split his life

between the two people he loves. You can make his life easier or make it more difficult.

In the co-parenting classes I teach, we practice saying yes. In the Yes Exercise, someone requests a change. Before a parent answers, they are instructed to ask themselves, "Is this for me or for my child?" And then we explore the answer. If it's a legitimate "no," why? That way the parent making



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the request can hear the parent's rationale to saying

The more you say yes, the more inclined your co-parent is to say yes. You know how discouraging it is to have every request for a change denied. Set precedent. Make sure when a request is made of you, you don't say no just because.

Bob Saget, from left, Dave Coulier and John Stamos in 2017. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Stamos 'not ready' to say bye to Saget

From news services

John Stamos is "not ready to say goodbye" to his longtime friend and "Full House" co-star Bob Saget, who was found dead Sunday in a hotel room in Orlando, Florida.

In his latest tribute to the 65-year-old comic, with whom he recently reunited for Netflix's "Fuller House" reboot, Stamos decided he's "going to imagine (Saget) out there, still on the road, doing what he loves with all his heart and humor."

In the "Full House" franchise, Saget and Stamos played brothers-in-law Danny Tanner and Uncle Jesse, respectively.

"I'm not ready to accept that he's gone — I'm not going to say goodbye yet," Stamos wrote on Insta-

On Monday, Stamos and his "Full House" castmates released an emotional joint statement reflecting on "all the beautiful memories of our sweet, kind, hilarious, cherished Bob."

Also mourning the loss of Saget is Jimmy Kimmel, who broke down in tears while remembering his friend and fellow comedian on Monday's episode of his late-night TV show.

"I have so many wonderfully kind and supportive texts and emails, calls from Bob," Kimmel said.
"He was so funny. ... I
mean funny for real. ... He
had something funny to
say about everything and
nothing bad to say about
anyone. Never."

In a statement to People magazine, Saget's wife, Kelly Rizzo, said she has been "so deeply touched by the outpouring of love and tribute from our friends, family, his fans and his peers."

Winfrey to produce Poitier doc: Oprah Winfrey is helping to keep the legacy of Sidney Poitier alive. Following the actor's death on Thursday at age 94, Apple reportedly has a documentary about him on deck with Winfrey executive-producing and Reginald Hudlin serving as director. The project has been in production for more than a year.

The yet-to-be-titled film, an Apple Original Films release, will provide an in-depth examination of Poitier's life that includes the participation of his family. In 1964, Poitier became the first Black man to win an Academy Award for best actor for his role in "Lilies of the Field."

A Broadway play from playwright Charles Randolph-Wright and actor Ruben Santiago-Hudson about Poitier's life was also recently announced.

Legend sells catalog, royalties: John Legend has cashed in by selling the rights to his catalogs of songs and recording royalties. According to a public filing in September, cited by Bloomberg, the singer, songwriter and producer sold both the copyrights to and royalties from music he wrote from late 2004 through early last year. BMG Rights Management bought the rights, in partnership with the private equity firm KKR & Co. Financial terms were not disclosed.

At 43, Legend is considerably younger than most of the living veteran rock stars — such as Bruce Springsteen, 72; Bob Dylan, 80; and Stevie Nicks, 73 — who've made hundreds of millions lately by selling rights to their music and likeness.

Jan. 12 birthdays: Singer William Lee Golden is 83. Actor Kirstie Alley is 71. Radio personality Howard Stern is 68. Director John Lasseter is 65. Journalist Christiane Amanpour is 64. Actor Oliver Platt is 62. Singer Rob Zombie is 57. Rapper Raekwon is 52. Singer Melanie Chisholm is 48. Actor Issa Rae is 37. Singer Zayn Malik is 29.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Wife can't mourn until she forgives husband

Dear Amy: My husband died a few months ago. He was very well-respected. Everyone thought very highly of him. We were married for over 50 years.

About 40 years ago, he had been working with a woman who lived in another city. He and other co-workers would travel to her city for work. We had been married for 10 years and had three children.

I went to an award dinner held in their honor.

The morning of the dinner, he was in the shower, and the phone rang in our hotel room.
When I answered it, the person on the other end used her name, instead of mine.

My husband said that the person knew that they worked together and assumed she was there before leaving for the dinner.

Shortly after that, there were a couple of other incidents that made me suspicious.

He said he wasn't going

to work with her anymore because he was starting to have feelings for her.

I brought up all my suspicions and accused him of having an affair.

He was upset and told me that nothing had ever happened between them.
I was not able to forget.

I always wondered why he told me he had feelings for her. He could have just stopped working with her, and I wouldn't have known.

We stayed together for another 40 years, but I never could totally forgive him. Now that he has died, I

am thinking of this more than ever. Other than that, he was the perfect husband and father.

Do you think I am using this as a reason to not mourn?

Stuck

Dear Stuck: Your theory about why you are stuck might be correct. Additionally, my take is that you might now be (unconsciously) justifying your inability to forgive your husband over the course of 40 years — and so you are doubling down and ruminating about it, now.

Surely, his long-ago

surery, his long-ago admission would have been very hard for you to take, but it seems to me that he did everything he should have done: he was honest with you, he stopped working with her, he continued on in the marriage to you.

I believe that you would find some liberation now if you worked your way toward forgiveness forgiving him for his transgression, as well as yourself — for holding onto this so tightly.

The ability to forgive is such a gift — I hope you can give it to yourself, now.

A grief group or therapist could help you to sort this out.

Dear Amy: My wife and I have been married twice to each other. Our first marriage lasted for 28 years. We remarried each other three years ago.

The reason for the first divorce was her cheating on me with my best friend.

This went on for years, and I tolerated it until my kids were grown before I moved on. After two years being

single, I decided to go back to my wife because my daughter was getting married, and I always wanted a family life.

My wife is again cheating — at least four times that I know of.

What do I do now?

— Family Man

Dear Family Man: You could try to have an "open" marriage, where you and your wife stay legally married and continue to live together but are both free to have outside relationships.

That might not be tenable for you — in which case, you can divorce again, but continue in a family and friendship relationship with this woman you have chosen to marry twice.

You obviously care about her, but she will not be in a monogamous relationship with you.

Dear Amy: "Discouraged Dater" expects dates to text her

I am a mom to three young men, and they just can't seem to find women

who don't want to text all day long — 24/7.

They actually have jobs in which they need to work, but these needy

to be joined at the hip as soon as they meet.
Seems to me if you're chatting all day long, then why bother getting together; there's probably nothing left to say.

— Baffled Mom

professional women want

Dear Baffled: Thank you for offering this perspec-

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Champion Schneider joins 'Jeopardy!' millionaire's club

By Lynn Elber Associated Press

"Jeopardy!" champion Amy Schneider is adding to her list of bragging rights and admirers.

Already the highest earning female contestant in the quiz show's history and the woman with the longest winning streak, she recently became one of only four "Jeopardy!" players to reach seven figures in regular-season winnings.

She collected \$1.02 million in 28 victories, solidifying her fourth place position on the list that includes Ken Jennings with \$2.5 million; James Holzhauer, \$2.46 million, and Matt Amodio, \$1.52 million. Schneider is also fourth in consecutive wins.

Poised and affable on TV, she doesn't seem the gloating type. But she is tickled by the fact that she has fulfilled a prediction made by her eighth grade classmates in Dayton, Ohio: She was voted most likely to be a "Jeopardy!" contestant, based on her geography and spelling bee prowess.

More significantly,

she's the first transgender person to qualify for the show's tournament of champions. In a series of tweets in November, Schneider said she's proud to be a trans woman and wants people to know that aspect of her, adding, "but I'm a lot of other things, too!"

Schneider's "Jeopardy!" achievements have made her both an inspiration and a target for transphobic insults online — which she batted away with the same aplomb she displays on TV.

This interview with Schneider has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Are you having pinch-me moments over how well you've done on Jeopardy!'?

A: Absolutely. Just seeing myself on TV still



Amy Schneider is the highest earning female contestant in the history of "Jeopardy!" ${\it JEOPARDY PRODUCTIONS, INC.}$

is almost a shock, even though I was there when it all happened. I thought I could win some games, but I didn't think I would do this well. The other day, my girlfriend mentioned some famous people that had gone to her high school, and I was thinking, 'I know there was somebody who went to mine." I looked it up on Wikipedia, and there I was, listed under notable alumni. That was a very weird moment to see that.

Q: You've mentioned actor Laverne Cox and comedian Natasha Muse as trans women you find inspiring. Have you heard from viewers who see you as a role model?

A: I have definitely heard from other trans people who have been sort of thrilled to see me out there. But one of the things that I've enjoyed the most is hearing from parents, and sometimes grandparents, of trans people, an older generation. There's a lot of fear for their loved ones who are trans, and worry that they might be limited in life. To be able to go out there and show that I can be successful in a very mainstream type of

way has, I think, made a lot of them feel better about the people in their lives.

Q: Given that Cox and Muse are both performers, is that something that touches a chord in you? You've done acting, and is comedy something you're interested in?

A: I've done open mics around town, just for fun and not seriously pursued it, but I've been a performer my whole life. As I was struggling with the necessity of coming out, definitely one of the fears was, 'Will I still be comfortable in public and will I still be able to perform after I transitioned?' And seeing them definitely helped with that.

Q: Is a career in entertainment your goal?

A: I'm dreaming of it. I don't know exactly in what direction I would want to take that, and I don't know what opportunities will be available coming out of (the show). But I've been working on my writing as a field I might find some opportunities in. Beyond that, I'm just sort of riding it out and kind of seeing what may or may not come up as it goes along.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Seeing how your work toward your goals has already increased your material security may be encouraging for you. As you determine your next steps, you need to acknowledge that meeting your financial needs really matters.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):Feeling your feelings could be exactly what the world needs from you today. You're likely to get something even more significant than simple emotional release because your heart is connected to your mind. You may not be the only one dealing with challenges.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Giving yourself some privacy to deal with an intense issue could be important right now. It may be necessary for you to recognize the difference between taking healthy space and becoming unhealthily secluded. It might be wise to remain connected to something.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Getting to know a peer better could go well for you at this time. You may discover that you share a passion, which would make for a great foundation on which to build a strong bond. Having similar points of view can reduce the overall potential for miscommunication. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be able to get a lot done as you focus on the day-to-day tasks of your work. You might want to start gathering information about the process of setting up things like taxes, insurance, and investments to take your career to the next level. Getting them on your radar is a big achievement.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Shallow pleasure might not be satisfying for you now, but a thought-provoking book or movie could be just the entertainment you need. Sharing this experience with someone you want to know better may also be rewarding! Open up in a gentle way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fresh insights about the deeper meaning of a complicated dynamic in your family may be available at the moment. The small details of people's daily lives could be what actually reveals the big picture to you. If there's tension, then someone has to say something!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A good conversation with someone you trust could go well for you, as the two of you together can balance deep communication with a healthy dose of optimism and boundaries. Taking a structured and grounded approach may help you beyond the pleasure of feeling heard.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Solving problems in a practical way may be on the agenda for you today, but you don't have to keep your head entirely out of the clouds. Staying in touch with what would make you feel most secure could help you identify the best course of action. You can be comfortable and cost-conscious!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your self-confidence could be at a high point today, and the people around you may notice. Are you OK with what they may pick up about you? It might be a good idea to think about your perspective and what it does to the attitude you have toward the world.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Getting the rest that you need could be very important for you at this time, but you may wonder if you can afford to nurture yourself in this way. Taking an inventory of all your resources, material and otherwise, can help you view your concerns from a healthy perspective.

Pisces (Feb.19-March 20): Communicating with friends could take up a lot of your time today. Your personal views might not be relevant if you're dealing with something that isn't really about you, like brokering peace in a conflict between others. You can provide some valuable insight.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Jan. 12, 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected an amendment to give women the right to vote.

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records in Detroit.

In 1966, the TV series "Batman," starring Adam West and Burt Ward as the Dynamic Duo, premiered. In 1971, "All in the Family" premiered on CBS.

In 2000, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

In 2010, Haiti was struck by a magnitude 7 earthquake; the Haitian government said 316,000 people were killed.

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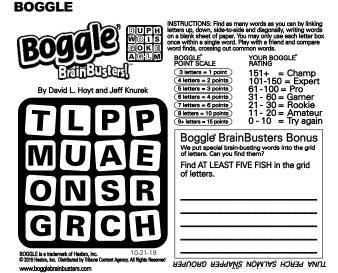
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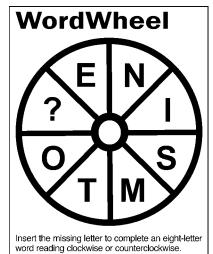


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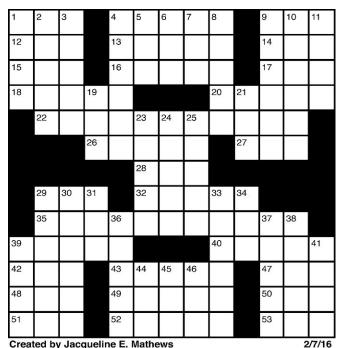
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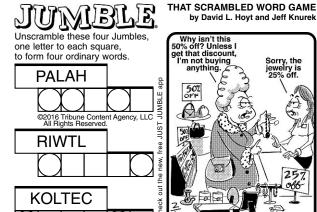
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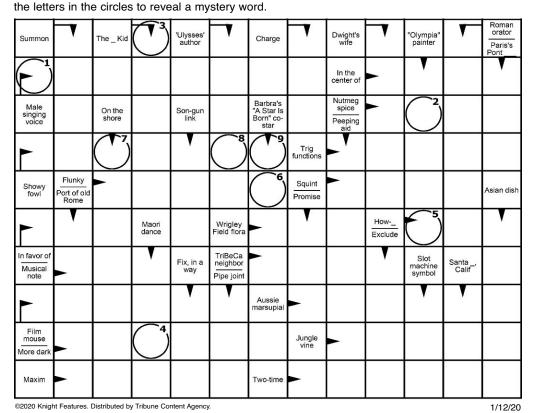
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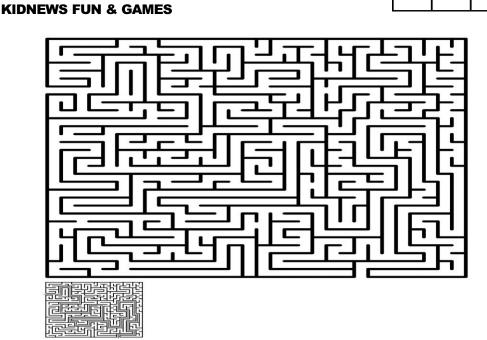
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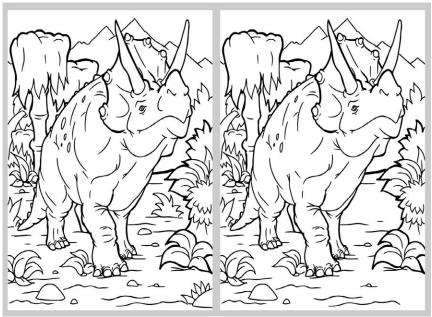
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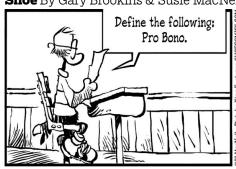
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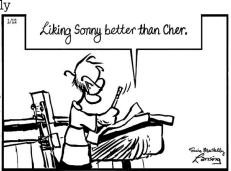






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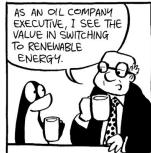
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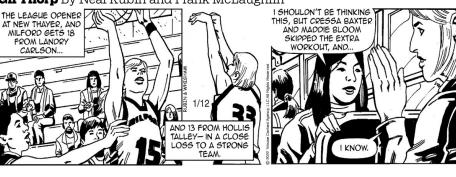
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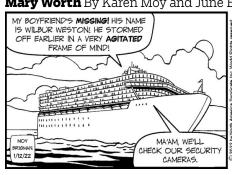




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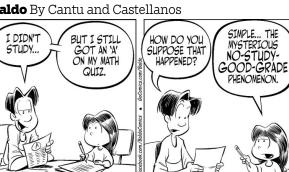


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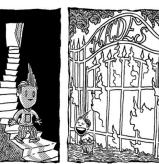




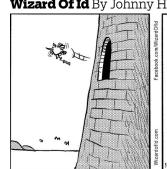
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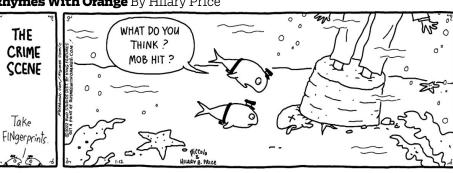
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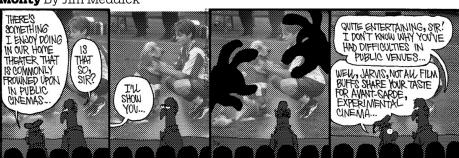




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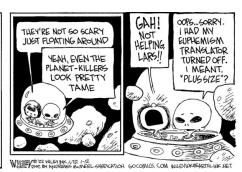
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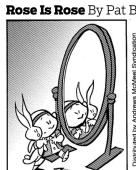
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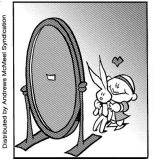






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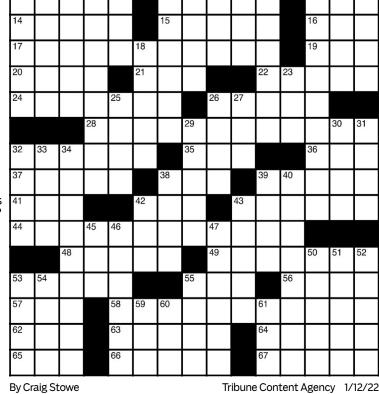
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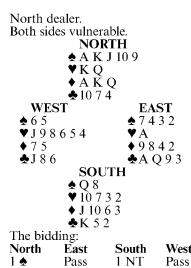
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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER



Opening lead — six of hearts. **High-class defense**

Assume you're East, defending against three notrump. You might not agree with North's opening bid, but there's nothing you can do about that. West leads a heart, which you win with the ace. What should you play next? (Remember, you see only the dummy and your own hand.)

It would seem you have no chance to stop the contract unless your side can quickly snatch four club tricks. Dummy has nine practically sure tricks in plain view.

So, acting on this basis, you could return a low club hoping to find your partner with three or four clubs to the king (almost impossible in view of South's one-notrump bid).

But observe what happens if you do this. Declarer follows low — there is no reason to risk playing the king — and West wins the club with the jack. West returns a club to your ace, and the party is over. South makes four notrump. Now let's go back

to trick two. Instead of leading the three of clubs, let's say you lead the queen! Of course, South can make the contract by playing the king, but is he likely to do that?

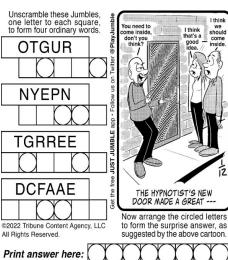
He might think you have the Q-J-9-x(-x)of clubs and refuse to cover the queen. If he ducks, you continue with the three. What will South do this time? If he thinks you started with Q-J-9-3, he will follow low again, counting on dummy's ten to force West's ace. The contract is then defeated when partner wins with the jack and returns a club to your A-9.

Of course, South might guess correctly and play his king on either the first or second club lead. The important point, though, is that by playing your clubs in the suggested fashion, you have at least given declarer a chance to go wrong.

Tomorrow: Bad luck is not to blame.

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BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



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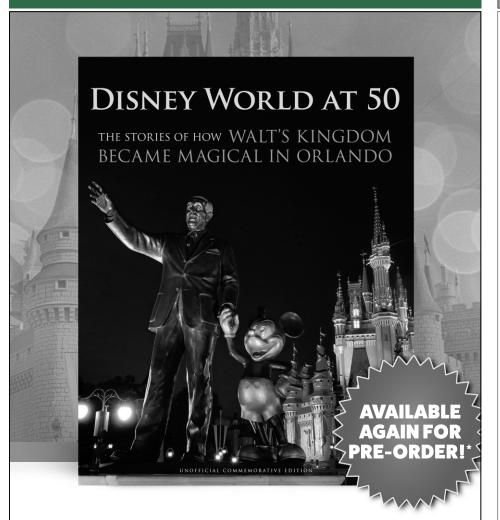




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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Can an identity be found in ... Indy?

Auriemma banking on return to game action at Butler will help his team get back on track

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

After an extended layoff due to COVID-19 issues, the No. 10 UConn Huskies travel West to face Big East foe Butler on Wednesday for what'll be their second of four

games in nine days. Butler is not the most formidable opponent, 1-11 and winless in conference play, but after so many game cancellations, the Huskies are just looking forward to getting



UConn at Butler 7 p.m., SNY

back into game action any opportunity they can get.

After defeating Creighton on Sunday, this will be their briefest break between games since playing Georgia Tech Dec. 9 and UCLA

Dec. 11. "I think we're just gonna take it one game at a time," senior Christyn Williams said Sunday about the team's upcoming stretch following its 63-55 win over the Bluejays. "I was a little winded. But the only way you're going to get in game shape is by playing games. So we're just excited to be able to play and we're grateful that our season is still going."

UConn is still searching for its identity without reigning national player of the year Paige Bueckers. Each game moving forward offers them a chance to get closer to find-

'Right now we're hoping as we start playing some games, and the games start coming in a rhythm fashion, that we'll be able to kind of develop an identity for this new team that we have now until we get everybody back," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said last week.

Butler is coming off a long break of its own after dealing with four

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UConn's Olivia Nelson-Ododa defends Creighton's Tatum Rembao on Sunday at Gampel Pavilion. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Judge fired after 10-23 record in 2 seasons

By Tom Canavan Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -The New York Giants have cleaned house, firing coach Joe Judge a day after general manager Dave Gettleman retired.

The Giants announced the move late Tuesday afternoon, ending speculation that the owners planned to hire a new general manager and let him determine the 40-year-old coach's fate.

Judge posted a 10-23 record in two seasons, including an embarrassing 4-13 mark this past season. The campaign ended with a six-game losing streak in which the offense did almost nothing with quarterback Daniel Jones sidelined with a neck injury.

Co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch said they felt it was best for the Giants to move in another direction after five straight seasons of double-digit losses.

The Giants have made the playoffs once since winning the Super Bowl in February 2012. They have gone through four coaches in the past six seasons, starting with Ben McAdoo in 2016, interim coach Steve Spagnuolo, Pat Shurmur in 2018 and Judge who was hired in

Mara said he met with Judge on Monday and again on Tuesday, informing him of the decision at the second meeting.

"I said before the season started that I wanted to feel good about the direction we were headed when we played our last game of the season. Unfortunately, I cannot make that statement, which is why we have made this decision," Mara

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Giants head coach Joe Judge walks off the field after a loss to Washington on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J. The Giants fired Judge on Tuesday. ADAM HUNGER/AP

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL



Windsor's Tyler Betsey looks to pass under pressure from East Catholic's Luke Reilly, left, and Rob Elliot, right, on Tuesday in Manchester, JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Flourishing finish

Windsor beats East Catholic in OT behind 31 points from Betsey

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

MANCHESTER - Last week, the Windsor High boys basketball team lost a close game to a rival, Northwest Catholic.

The Warriors didn't want that to happen again Tuesday night against another rival, East Cath-

Once again, it came down to the wire but Windsor (5-1) prevailed this time, 70-66, in overtime over the Eagles behind 31 points from sophomore Tyler

"We got back in the game, we didn't want to [do what] we did last week so we just finished strong," Betsey said.

Last week Windsor lost to Northwest Catholic 81-80 on a controversial last-second shot.

Tuesday's CCC showdown between the longtime rivals was a game of runs and Windsor had the last one. The Warriors (5-1) trailed by 11 early in the third quarter but went on a 21-4 run to close out the quarter and led 56-50 after three. East Catholic

got hot in the fourth with Sam Reilly going on a personal 9-0 run to give the Eagles a 62-60 lead with 2:16 left. Rashawn Tibby tied the score with a minute remaining for Windsor and the teams went into overtime tied at 64.

Tibby and Raymond Rodriguez hit a pair of shots to open the overtime for Windsor and the Warriors rode that momen-

"I was proud of the way we

Turn to Windsor, Page 2

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Looking closely at closing out

Hurley hopeful his club will solve issues that have kept them from winning late

By Shreyas Laddha Hartford Courant

After five long weeks, the UConn men's basketball team is finally home.

The Huskies, coming off a heartbreaking 90-87 overtime loss at No. 20 Seton Hall on Saturday, face St. John's (9-4, 1-1 Big East) on Wednesday night at Gampel Pavilion. The Huskies (10-4, 1-2) haven't played a game on campus since Dec. 4, when they beat Grambling State 88-59. The 17-day hiatus was due to COVID-19 issues within the

"From having not played or practiced much, guys are pretty sore," said UConn coach Dan Hurley. "In terms of injuries, everybody came out well. They are definitely fatigued."

Fatigue hasn't been UConn's only issue. The Huskies are having a hard time closing out games, but Hurley believes that will even out as the season goes on.

"The remedy for that would be to have multiple guys that you can put the ball in their hands that are creative shot makers, shot takers that's not necessarily how we are built," he said.

Perhaps the Huskies' biggest problem has been the lack of ballhandlers outside of guard R.J. Cole. When Cole fouled out with 2:19 to go in overtime in the Seton Hall game, UConn's offense committed multiple mistakes leading to either bad shots or turnovers.

"We are going to have to find a guy that can win one-on-one situations at the end of a big-time game. Be it R.J., obviously he had fouled out. We are going to have to find somebody else that can get the ball in their hands late that can just break down the defense and go make a play."

While some of UConn's upperclassmen have struggled this season, there have been rumblings among fans to play some of the younger players more.

"There is no politics in minutes," Hurley said. "If there is a guy that

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St. John's at **UConn (Gampel)** 8:30 p.m., FS1

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UP NEXT

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

CIAC updates COVID guidelines

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference released updated COVID guidelines for high school winter sports based on updated CDC and state Department of Public Health guidelines Tuesday, with the main change being the amount of time athletes are expected to quarantine following a positive COVID-19 test.

The changes now align with the updated state protocol for students' return to academic instruction in

If an athlete who has any COVIDlike symptoms tests positive or if no test is taken, the athlete must isolate

at home for five days and can return to team activities on the sixth day or when the athlete is fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved. In the past, the athlete had to quarantine 10 days.

In addition, the athlete must wear a mask for 10 days around people outside their household (the 10-day window would be determined by the athlete's health care provider) and will not be allowed to compete in sports that don't require mask wearing due to safety concerns (wrestling, swimming, gymnastics and jumping and throwing events in indoor track) during that 10-day time period.

If the athlete's test is negative, they can return to team activities after being fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms are improved but the athlete should wear a mask around others until there are no symptoms.

Fully vaccinated athletes or athletes who are fully recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days who are deemed close contacts of a person with COVID-19 may continue to participate in sports, as long as they wear a mask. If athletes are not fully vaccinated or have not had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, they must quarantine for five days and can return on Day 6 with a negative test result. If the athlete tests positive, they must quarantine for four more days and can return if they are symptom-free.

The return-to-play protocols for athletes who test positive align with the return to play protocols for the American Academy of Pediatrics. Athletes with mild symptoms must wait at least seven days before returning to competition. Athletes with moderate symptoms (i.e., more than four days of fever of 100.4 or more, a non-ICU hospital stay) should consider waiting longer to return and athletes with severe symptoms (i.e, an ICU stay, intubation) should wait 3-6 months and must be cleared by a cardiologist to resume play.

The Connecticut DPH also recommended that unvaccinated athletes and coaches should not travel out of state for competition.

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PATRIOTS

Mayo focused on game-planning for Bills, not coaching gigs

By Jim McBride Boston Globe

 ${\bf FOXBOROUGH, Mass.-It's\ open}$ season for NFL head coaching positions and two Patriots staffers often mentioned during this time have two things clear: They're open to listening but the only team they're focused on is the Buffalo Bills.

Jerod Mayo, who has a big hand in what the Patriots do on defense, will "absolutely take the interview" with the Broncos, adding, "but right now it's all about the Bills."

Offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said he has yet to hear from any teams but he's "totally focused and immersed in the preparation for the Buffalo Bills."

Both indicated that getting an opportunity to be a head coach is something they would welcome, with Mayo saying that's "always been" a goal and McDaniels, who coached the Broncos in 2009-10, saying, "if that's in the cards for me,

Mayo's named surfaced less than a day after the Broncos fired Vic Fangio on Saturday. Though just in his fourth coaching year, Mayo's stock has risen quickly. The club's first-round pick in 2008, the inside linebacker long had a reputation as a coach on the field. He interviewed for the Eagles' job last offseason before Nick Sirianni was

"It was a great experience. I was able to go out there and talk a lot about football, talk a lot about different philosophies," Mayo said Tuesday. "It's good to have those conversations, whether it's around leadership philosophy, or team philosophy, team structure, all that stuff. So, I love talking ball, I love developing people. That's one of the things I enjoy doing. But that's always been the goal



Patriots outside linebacker Dont'a Hightower stands on the sidelines as linebackers coach Jerod Mayo signals a call during a game against the Texans on Dec. 1, 2019, in Houston. NANCY LANE/BOSTON HERALD

for me."

Mayo, who has only been contacted by the Broncos so far, said he received some invaluable advice from Bill Belichick when he was preparing for last year's interview.

'Yeah, Bill's been great with us. He's been an open book for me whether we're talking about X's and O's, or structuring a team, or anything like that. He's been great," he said.

"Matty P has been a great resource. All of these guys have been great resources for me," said Mayo. "But really, the focus is about the season, but at the same time, development has always been a huge factor for me, as far as coaching is concerned. There's a bunch of guys around here, including Josh McDaniels, even a guy like Jedd Fisch who was here, those guys have been great mentors and great resources for me."

Simultaneously preparing for a playoff opponent and getting your ducks in a row for a job interview can present challenges, acknowledged Mayo. He said he thought most other teams would understand that his current duties had to take

"If that causes me not to get a job because I'm focused on the job at hand. so be it. I am happy here. If I don't get a job because I'm focused on beating the Buffalo Bills, I'm OK. I was a firstround draft pick in 2008. I'm OK. And honestly, I don't mean to have it sound that way, but my main focus is the guys in this room. It's not about getting a job somewhere else. I have a job here right now. So, we'll see what happens."

Patriots notes: The Patriots placed cornerback Jalen Mills on the reserve/ COVID-19 list and restored defensive back Myles Bryant from the list. The latest NFL/NFLPA protocols call for a five-day quarantine, but if Mills is vaccinated, he could be reinstated sooner. He would need to produce two negative tests 24 hours apart between now and

The Patriots didn't practice Tuesday but were required to file an estimated injury report. Defensive Christian Barmore (knee) and left tackle Isaiah Wynn (ankle), who were hurt in the loss in Miami Sunday, were among a dozen players listed as limited. That was also the classification for safety Kyle Dugger (hand) and linebacker Dont'a Hightower (knee), both of whom missed the Dolphins game. It was just an estimate, and things might be different Wednesday, but it was good news that they were not listed as DNPs.

KNICKS

Randle on getting booed, fined by league: 'I've already addressed that'

By Stefan Bondy New York Daily News

NEW YORK - In his first public comments since getting fined by the NBA and booed off the court by Knicks fans, Julius Randle wasn't interested in opening up on the subject or extending an olive branch beyond his Instagram statement.

To three separate questions after Tuesday's practice, Randle responded quickly, "I've already addressed that."

Asked also about his reaction to getting fined \$25,000 by the NBA for 'egregious profanity,' Randle answered, "Nothing."

Asked what prompted him to release a statement of regret — which was pushed by his agency and the Knicks for telling fans to STFU, Randle answered, "Just felt like I needed to address certain stuff that was said, whatever it was."

Fair enough.

The logical desire from both sides — the fans and Randle — is to move on from this lingering animosity, which is easier if the Knicks win and Randle returns to form. During Monday's victory over the Spurs, the crowd exploded with joy when Randle buried his opening shot just seconds after tipoff.

But that soon devolved into boos and chants of "Randle sucks" as he went scoreless for the remainder of the contest. Randle beelined for the bench before being officially subbed out for the final time with four minutes left, sitting down before his replacement could

All season, like Monday night, the fans chanted for Randle's backup, Obi Toppin. It's worth noting the Garden crowd has seemed to skew younger since doors re-opened last season, changing, at least anecdotally, from a corporate/tourist environment to more of a college game vibe.

"[Julius] is a professional, and just looking forward to moving on from it," Taj Gibson said. "He's a great kid, does everything he needs to do. Everybody just gets a little annoyed sometimes."

Annoyance is understandable for a player who has been targeted online by fans all season and was fined by the NBA for cursing during a press conference, which is commonplace among other players (including Kevin Durant on Monday). Annoyance can even be productive if channeled correctly.

But this kind of circumstance can also be confidence-killing and destructive to basketball. Dennis Smith Jr. was a lower level of player, but he never seemed to recover mentally from getting booed by Knicks fans in 2019.

Randle, who was unpopular among fans during his first season with the Knicks in 2019-20, became the hero last season when the arena was mostly empty due to the pandemic.

"I think on a normal day it would affect anybody, Gibson said Tuesday. "Going to a popular stadium, Madison Square Garden, one of the best places to play, one of the number one fan bases in the world, you're gonna have pressure."

Judge

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A former special teams coordinator with the Patriots who was mentored by Bill Belichick in New England and by Nick Saban at Alabama, Judge promised to bring a tough, hard-nosed brand of football back to the area. It was the kind of football Bill Parcells and Tom Coughlin taught in building four champions.

There was no doubt the Giants played hard under Judge. They never gave up. They just didn't win enough, especially this season which was marked by at least a dozen season-ending injuries. The O-line lost two starters in the first two weeks of the season, and leading tackler and linebacker Blake Martinez went down early.

Judge did seem to unite the Giants. There was little dissent. He repeatedly said he was changing the attitude and that would be a part of the process to build a winner.

Judge demanded his players comply with the rules. First-round draft pick Andrew Thomas missed a start against Washington in his rookie season in 2020 because he was late for a team meeting the night before the game.

Judge was like that. Everything was his way. When offensive line coach Marc Colombo and Judge got into a disagreement in his first season, Judge fired him. He also fired coordinator Jason Garrett this past season with the offense struggling, but it didn't have the desired effect.

Now, the new general manager will hire another coach to try to turn the Giants around yet again.

"This will be a comprehensive search for our next general manager," said Mara upon Gettleman's retirement. "We are looking for a person who demonstrates exceptional leadership and communication abilities, somebody who will oversee all aspects of our football operations, including player personnel, college scouting and coaching."

The Giants have already put together a list of nine GM candidates they plan to interview, including long-time assistant general manager Kevin Abrams. He might be a hard sell for fans because he has been associated with the organization for more than two decades. The team has made the playoffs once (2016) since winning its fourth Super Bowl in February 2012.

The others on the list are Bills assistant general manager Joe Schoen; Tennessee director of player personnel Monti Ossenfort; Titans VP of player personnel Ryan Cowden; Chiefs chief executive director of player personnel Ryan Poles; Cardinals VP of player personnel Quentin Harris, Cardinals VP of pro personnel Adrian Wilson, 49ers assistant general manager Adam Peters and 49ers director of player personnel Ran Carthon.

Giants fans should be familiar with Carthon. The 40-year-old is the son of former fullback Maurice Carthon, who was a member of Parcells' Super Bowl-winning teams in the 1986 and '90 seasons. Ran Carthon was a

running back at Florida and he had a short NFL career with the Colts and Lions.

Windsor

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battled and played," East Catholic coach Luke Reilly said. "They're a very good team. Tyler Betsey, he's a very talented player. Between him and the glass, that was the difference in the game for us.

The overtimes are so short it's a matter of momentum. Sometimes whoever gets the momentum first, ultimately wins. They went up four and it felt like we were playing

Reilly had 24 points for East Catholic (4-2).

Windsor is a young team, made up of mostly sophomores and their youth showed at the start. The Warriors trailed 22-14 after a quarter and 43-35 at halftime.

But they came alive in the third. Trailing 46-35 with 6:40 left in the third quarter, Betsey hit a pair of 3-pointers, then dunked and Windsor started to roll. Tibby hit a 3, then another shot and Jhonny Pierce had two putbacks and Betsey had another putback and Windsor put together a 19-0 run and led 54-46. Allyn Wright hit a 3 at the buzzer for East Catholic to cut the lead to

"They started to play," Windsor coach Ken Smith said. "For some reason, a lot of these guys don't come out playing like they should play. They come out sometimes not giving that effort. I think Rashawn Tibby stepping up in second half helped us a lot. He started to get going.'

Smith was pleased with the

effort. "They did very well," he said. "If anything, I have to get better. Giving up 80 points against Northwest, not finishing these guys out when we had that nice run and we were up 10... let them back in the game... it's something I got to figure out. I'll be up all night."

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Windsor's Tone Williams goes up for a basket against East Catholic on Tuesday in Manchester. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

SCOREBOARD

NHL							
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Florida	36	24	7	5	53	142	108
Tampa Bay	38	24	9	5	53	128	110
Toronto	33	22	8	3	47	112	83
Boston	32	19	11	2	40	99	84
Detroit	36	16	16	4	36	99	122
Buffalo	35	10	19	6	26	92	125
Ottawa	29	9	18	2	20	79	107
Montreal	34	7	23	4	18	73	123
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Carolina	33	24	7	2	50	115	73
N.Y. Rangers	37	23	10	4	50	107	94
Washington	37	20	8	9	49	125	104
Pittsburgh	34	20	9	5	45	112	89
Columbus	34	16	17	1	33	108	122
Philadelphia	35	13	15	7	33	90	119
New Jersey	36	14	17	5	33	105	126
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Colorado	32	22	8	2	46	139	104
Minnesota	33	21	10	2	44	122	102
Winnipeg	33	16	12	5	37	99	99
Dallas	32	17	13	2	36	92	94
Chicago	36	13		5	31	87	121
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TUESDAY'S RESULTS Tampa Bay 6, Buffalo 1 Chicago 4, Columbus 2 Florida 5, Vancouver 2 Colorado at Nashville, late Pittsburgh at Anaheim, late Toronto at Vegas, late Detroit at San Jose, late

Carolina at Philadelphia, ppd

N.Y. Islanders at Calgary, ppc WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Montreal at Boston, 7p.m. Seattle at Dallas, 8:30p.m. Toronto at Arizona, 10p.m.

Minnesota at Edmonton, ppd MONDAY'S RESULTS Boston 7, Washington 3 Colorado 4, Seattle 3 Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Rangers 1 Columbus at Montreal, ppd Tampa Bay at New Jersey, ppd

Minnesota at Winnipeg, ppd Ottawa at Edmonton, ppd TENNIS

WTA SYDNEY CLASSIC Tuesday at Sydney Olympic Park Sydney, outdoors-hardcourt MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 Maxime Cressy d. Adrian Mannarino

Andy Murray d. Viktor Durasovic, 6-3, 6-1. MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16 #1Aslan Karatsev vs. Miomir Kecmanovic, late #3Daniel Evans vs. Petro Martinez, late #4Reilly Opelka vs. Jordan Thomp-

#5 Lorenzo Sonego d. Sebastian Baez,

Brandon Nakashima d. #7 Fabio Fognini 7-6(7), 7-6(4). #8David Goffin vs. Denis Kudla, late WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #9Elena Rybakina d. Emma Raducanu,

6-0, 6-1. Caroline Garcia d. Jess. Pegula, 6-4, 7-6(3). WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16 #2Garbine Muguruza vs. Ekaterina Alexandrova, late Barbora Krejcikova vs. Jaqueline Cris-

#4Anett Kontaveit d. Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 6-3, 6-1. #70ns Jabeur d. Petra Kvitova, 6-4, 6-4. Daria Kasatkina vs. Elise Mertens, late Ocean Dodin vs. Belinda Bencic, late

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2 Tuesday at Memorial Drive Tennis Centre, Australia, outdoors-hard MEn'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

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Thanasi Kokkinakis d. Benoite Paire. Thiago Monteiro d. Yoshihito Nishioka,

1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Benjamin Bonzi d. Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-3, 6-3. MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#2 John Isner vs. Thanasi Kokkinakis, late #3Karen Khachanov vs. Gianluca Mager, late Jaume Munar vs. #4 Marin Cilic, late

5-7. 6-3. 6-2. Tommy Paul vs. enjamin Bonzi, late Aleksandar Vukic vs. Steve Johnson, WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#3 Coco Cauff d. Katerina Siniakova 6-1, 6-2. #8 Liudmilla Samsonova d.

Mayar Sherif, 7-6(2), 6-4. Anhelina Kalinina d. Sorana Cirstea,

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16 #6 Marketa Vondrousova vs. Ana Konjuh, late #8 Liudmilla Samsonova vs. Nuria

Parrizas Diaz, late
Madison Brengle d. Rebecca Peterson, 6-3, 6-2. Madison Keys vs. Tereza Martincova,

Jasmine Paolini vs. Lauren Davis, late

COLLEGE BASK	ETBA	LL WEDNESDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Villanova	2	at Xavier
Chattanooga	121/2	at W. Carolina
at Wofford	10	Samford
at Michigan State		Minnesota
at Furman	9	ETSU
Duke	41/2	at Wake Forest
LSU	11/2	at Florida
at Notre Dame	11/2	Clemson
at Morehad St.	14	Tenn. Martin
at Cincinnati	101/2	East Carolina
at NC Wilming.	2	Elon
at Fordham	1	Duguesne
at Rhode Island	81/2	St. Josephs' (Pa)
at Mississippi St.	151/2	Georgia
at Tulsa	3	Temple
at UCF	1	Memphis
at Missouri State		Southern Illinois
at Drake	11	Illinois State
at SMU	15	South Florida
at Colorado State	4	Utah State
at Wichita State	81/2	Tulane
at Bradley	10	Evansville
at UConn	111/2	St. John's (NY)
at Louisville	7	NC State
at Boston College		Georgia Tech
at Arkansas	14	Missouri
at Northwestern	31/2	Maryland
at Kansas State	3	TCU
at Virginia	11/2	Virginia Tech
at Calif. Baptist	9	Dixie State
California	11/2	at Washington

at Seattle	1½		Utah Valley
Santa Clara	7		at Pacific
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TUESDAY'S RESULTS Washington 122, Oklahoma City 118

Phoenix 99, Toronto 95 Detroit at Chicago, late Golden State at Memphis, late Minnesota at New Orleans, late Denver at L.A. Clippers, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Boston at Indiana, 7p.m. Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7p.m. Orlando at Washington, 7p.m. Dallas at New York, 7:30p.m. Miami at Atlanta, 7:30p.m. Houston at San Antonio, 8:30p.m Cleveland at Utah, 9p.m. Brooklyn at Chicago, 10p.m. L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS Detroit 126, Utah 116 Charlotte 103, Milwaukee 99 New York 111, San Antonio 96 Philadelphia 111, Houston 91 Boston 101, Indiana 98, OT Cleveland 109, Sacramento 108 Portland 114, Brooklyn 108

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

MONDAY'S GAME

SATURDAY'S GAMES Las Vegas at Cincinnati, 4:30p.m. New England at Buffalo, 8:15p.m. SUNDAY'S GAMES Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:00p.m. San Francisco at Dallas, 4:30p.m. (CBS) Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8:15p.m.

Arizona at L.A. Rams, 8:15p.m. DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS JAN. 22 -23

NFC low seed at Green Bay, TBD AFC low seed at Tennessee, TBD

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS nday, Jan. 30, 3:30and 6:40p

SUPER BOWL LVI SUNDAY, FEB. 13 Inglewood, Calif., 6:30 p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	w	D	Ľ	GF	GA	PT
Man City	21	17	2	2	53	13	53
Chelsea	21	12	7	2	45	16	43
Liverpool	20	12	6	2	52	18	42
Arsenal	20	11	2	7	33	25	35
West Ham	20	10	4	6	37	27	34
Tottenham	18	10	3	5	23	20	33
Man United	19	9	4	6	30	27	31
Wolverhampton	19	8	4	7	14	14	28
Brighton	19	6	9	4	20	20	27
Leicester	18	7	4	7	31	33	25
Southampton	20	5	9	6	24	30	24
Crystal Palace	20	5	8	7	29	30	23
Brentford	20	6	5	9	24	30	23
Aston Villa	19	7	1	11	25	30	22
Everton	18	5	4	9	23	32	19
Leeds	19	4	7	8	21	37	19
Watford	18	4	1	13	22	36	13
Burnley	17	1	8	8	16	27	11
Newcastle	19	1	8	10	19	42	11
Norwich	19	2	4	13	8	42	10

TUESDAY'S RESULTS Southampton 4, Brentford 1

Everton vs. Leicester, 3p.m. ppd

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH est Ham vs. Norwich, 2:45p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH Brighton vs. Crystal Palace, 3p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Man City vs. Chelsea, 7:30a.m. Burnley vs. Leicester, 10a.m. Newcastle vs. Watford, 10a.m. Norwich vs. Everton, 10a.m. Wolverhampton vs. Southampton, 10 a.m. Aston Villa vs. Man United, 12:30p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED 1. Baylor (15-1) lost to #19 Texas Tech 65-62. Next: vs. Oklahoma St., Saturday. 2. Gonzaga (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. 3. UCLA (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. A. Auburn (14-1) at #24 Alabama. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
5. Southern Cal (13-1) lost to Stanford 75-69. Next: vs. Oregon St., Thursday. 6. Arizona (12-1) did not play. Next:

Colorado State, Thursday.
7. Purdue (13-2) at Michigan, ppd. Next: 8. Duke (12-2) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.

9. Kansas (12-2) vs. #15 lowa State. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday. 10. Michigan State (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Wednesday. 11. Houston (14-2) did not play. Next: at 1015a, 3aturuay. **12. LSU (14-1) did not play. Next:** at Florida, Wednesday.

13. Wisconsin (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. #16 Ohio State, Thursday.

14. Villanova (11-4) did not play. Next:

at #17 Xavier, Wednesday. 15. Iowa State (13-2) at #9 Kansas. Next: vs. #21 Texas. Saturday 16. Ohio State (10-3) did not play. Next: at #13 Wisconsin, Thursday.

17. Xavier (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. #14 Villanova, Wednesday.

18. Kentucky (13-3) d. Vanderbilt 78-66. Next: vs. #22 Tennessee, Saturday. 19. Texas Tech (12-3) beat #1 Baylor 19. Texas Tech (12-3) Deat #1 Daylor 65-62. Next: vs. Oklahoma St., Thursday 20. Seton Hall (11-3) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Thursday.

21. Texas (12-3) vs. Oklahoma. Next: at

#15 Iowa State, Saturday 22. Tennessee (11-4) beat S. Carolina 66-46. Next: at #18 Kentucky, Satuday. 23. Providence (14-2) at Creighton, ppd. Next: .at #20 Seton Hall, Tuesday 24. Alabama (11-4) vs. #49 Auburn. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday. 25. Illinois (11-3) at Nebraska. Next: vs. Michigan, Friday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

Canisius 79, Ouinnipiac 67 Delaware 81, Drexel 77 Iona 80, Fairfield 76 Penn St. 66, Rutgers 49 St. Bonaventure 80, La Salle 76, OT Syracuse 77, Pittsburgh 61 Towson 78. Hofstra 66

MIDWEST

Davidson 77, UMass 67 Jacksonville 57, Stetson 50 Jacksonville St. 88, Lipscomb 83 James Madison 89. Northeastern 66 Kentucky 78, Vanderbilt 66 Liberty 71, North Florida 56 North Alabama 76, E. Kentucky 75 Tennessee 66, South Carolina 46 VCU 84, George Washington 57

Akron 84, Ball St. 74 Bellarmine 85, Cent. Arkansas 63 Buffalo 78, W. Michigan 64 Dayton 68, Saint Louis 63 E. Michigan 99, Cent. Michigan 68 Marquette 87, DePaul 76 N. Illinois 65, Kent St. 63 Ohio 85, Bowling Green 78 Toledo 75, Miami (Ohio) 72

SOUTHWEST Texas Tech 65, Baylor 62

nford 75. Southern Cal 69

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED 2. Stanford (11-3) did not play. Next: at #22 Colorado, Friday.

3. Louisville (13-1) did not play. Next: 4. NC State (14-2) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.
5. Tennessee (15-1) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.

6. Indiana (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday 7. Arizona (11-1) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday. 8. Maryland (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. #11 Michigan, Sunday. 9. lowa State (15-1) beat #25 Kansas State 73-70. Next: at Oklahoma State. 10. UConn (7-3) did not play. Next: at Butler, Wednesday 11. Michigan (13-2) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Thursday.

12. LSU (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Thursday. 13. Texas (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. **14. Baylor (10-3) did not play. Next:** at #23 Oklahoma, Wednesday. 15. Georgia Tech (12-3) beat Pittsburgh 63-52. Next: vs. Florida State, Thurday. 16. Duke (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Thursday 17. Georgia (13-3) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Monday.

18. BYU (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's (Cal), Thursday.

19. Kentucky (8-4) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Thursda 20. Notre Dame (11-3) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday. 21. North Carolina (14-1) did not play. Next: at #20 Notre Dame, Sunday. 22. Colorado (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. #2 Stanford, Friday

vs. #2 Stathoma (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. #14 Baylor, Wednesday.
24. South Florida (11-4) did not play. Next: at Tulane, Wednesday. 25. Kansas State (13-3) lost to #9 lowa Sstate. 73-70. Next: at Texas Tech.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL MONDAY, JAN. 10

CFP Championship Game, Indianapolis #3 Georgia 33, #1 Alabama 18

FINAL AP TOP 25	5			
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1. Georgia (61)	14-1	1,525		
2. Alabama	13-2			
3. Michigan	12-2		2	
4. Cincinnati	13-1			
5. Baylor	12-2	1,259	6	
6. Ohio State	11-2		7	
Oklahoma State				
8. Notre Dame	11-2			
Michigan State	11-2			
10. Oklahoma	11-2	966		1
Mississippi	10-3	926		1
12. Utah	10-4			1
13. Pittsburgh	11-3			1
14. Clemson	10-3			1
Wake Forest	11-3	533		1
16. Louisiana	13-1	517		1
17. Houston	12-2			1
18. Kentucky	10-3			1
19. BYU	10-3			2
20. NC State	9-3	382	18	1
21. Arkansas	9-4		22	2
22. Oregon	10-4			2
23. Iowa	10-4			
24. Utah State			NR	2
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NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS AP college football poll:

12: Alabama — 1961, 1964-65, 1978-79, 1992, 2009, 2011-12, 2015, 2017, 2021.

8: Notre Dame — 1943, 1946-47, 1949, 1966, 1973, 1977, 1988. 7: Oklahoma - 1950, 1955-56, 1974-75,

1985, 2000.
5: Miami — 1983, 1987, 1989, 1991, 2001.
5: USC — 1962, 1967, 1972, 2003-04.
4: Ohio State — 1942, 1954, 1968, 2002, 2014.
4: Minnesota — 1936, 1940-41, 1960.
4: Nebraska — 1970-71, 1994-95.
3: Clemson — 1981, 2016, 2018.
3: Florida — 1996, 2006, 2008.
3: Florida State — 1993, 1999, 2013.
3: LSU — 1958, 2007, 2019.
3: Texas — 1963, 1969, 2005. 3: Texas — 1963, 1969, 2005. 2: Army — 1944-45. 2: Auburn — 1957, 2010. 2: Georgia — 1980, 2022. 2: Michigan — 1948, 1997. 2: Penn State — 1982, 1986. 2: Pittsburgh — 1937, 1976. **2:** Tennessee — 1951, 1998.

CONFERENCE BOWL RECORDS CONFERENCE (TEAMS) REC WI% American Athletic (4) .750 .333 Atlantic Coast (6) Big Ten (10) .600

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CJ Stroud	OhSt	Utah	573	6
Aidan O'Connell	Pur	Ten	534	5
Jack Coan	ND	OkSt	509	5
Bailey Zappe	WKU	AppSt	422	6
Hendon Hooker	Tenn	Pur	378	5
Spencer Sanders	OkSt	ND	371	4
Bryce Young	Ala	UGA	369	1
Payton Thorne	MSU	Pitt	354	3
Lucas Johnson	SDSU	UTSA	333	3
Chase Brice	AppSt	WKU	317	4
Ductin Crum	Kont	MALO	216	- 4

Dustill Clulli	Kent	wwyo	210	-
Grayson McCall	CCU	NIU	315	4
Stetson Bennett	UGa	Mich	313	3
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Brian Robinson Jr	Ala	Cin	204	0
Levi Williams	Wyo	Kent	200	4
Tyler Allgeier	BYU	UAB	192	3
DeWayne McBride	UAB	BYU	183	1
Kevin Harris	SCar	NCar	182	1
Jabari Small	Tenn	Pur	180	1
Abram Smith	Bayl	Miss	172	0
Jordan Mims	Fres	UTEP	165	2
Rasheen Ali	Mrsh	LaLf	160	3
Braelon Allen	Wisc	AriSt	159	0

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Jesse Matthew	S	S	DSU	UTSA	175	2
Brandon Lewis		Α	FΑ	Lou	172	2
Wan Robinson		K	y	Iowa	170	0
Jaheim Bell		S	Car	NCar	159	2
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guided the Raiders to the playoffs. They'll face the Bengals on Saturday. ELLEN SCHMIDT/AP

NFL COMMENTARY

Raiders find what they're looking for

Bisaccia aces coaching tryout with big victory, playoff berth

By Tim Dahlberg Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The firing in Miami was a head scratcher, considering Brian Flores won eight of his last nine games and seemed to have the Dolphins moving in the right direction. Not so much in Minnesota and Chicago, where both the coaches and GMs had long since worn out their welcome.

Black Monday, and Tuesday when the Giants fired coach Joe Judge, offered up the usual number of casualties across the NFL, where missing the playoffs means a pink slip might not be far behind.

The season is over for 18 teams and there's no reason to waste time cleaning house. No reason to dally around looking for a new coach, either, though diversity interviews — and hopefully some diversity hires — will slow the process some.

Except in Las Vegas, that is. There, all Raiders owner Mark Davis needs to do is one little thing — ignore shiny objects like Jim Harbaugh and drop the word interim from Rich Bisaccia's title.

Do it regardless of what happens in Cincinnati this weekend as the Raiders try to win their first playoff game in 19 years. Do it because it's the right thing to do for the players who believe in him the most. Heck, do it because Sunday night's

thriller against the Chargers to end the NFL's regular season answered any questions about Bisaccia's coaching acumen.

The football lifer who had never led a team at any level has earned the right to be a head coach at football's highest level. After nearly two decades coaching special teams in the NFL, he's an overnight success story no one saw coming.

When Bisaccia was first handed the reins of the team after Jon Gruden was sent packing, he had trouble figuring out how to use the headset on the sidelines.

Now he's got the Raiders in the playoffs and they look like a team that's not ready to go away easily.

The blue collar coach who spent 38 years in college and pros waiting for his chance

found it unexpectedly when Gruden was run out of town because of his disturbing emails. In just 12 games, the 61-year-old has crafted the team in his own image, going 7-5 despite ongoing turmoil that included wide receiver Henry Ruggs III killing a woman while racing his car through city streets.

Players say they love him, and his unassuming personality is one big reason why. His players play hard for him, the one intangible any coach needs in order to succeed. Every game. Every down.

Power rankings

Dank team

The Associated Press Pro32, as voted by a 12-member panel, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Monday, total points based on 32 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 32nd-place vote, and previous ranking:

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Rank, team	W	L	Т	Pts	P۷
1. Green Bay Packers (12)	13	4	0	384	1
2. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	13	4	0	369	2
3. Kansas City Chiefs	12	5	0	352	4
4. Tennessee Titans	12	5	0	351	5
5. Dallas Cowboys	12	5	0	324	8
6. Los Angeles Rams	12	5	0	316	3
7. Cincinnati Bengals	10	7	0	314	7
8. Buffalo Bills	11	6	0	311	9
9. Arizona Cardinals	11	6	0	287	6
10. San Francisco 49ers	10	7	0	275	12
11. New England Patriots	10	7	0	273	10
12. Las Vegas Raiders	10	7	0	252	15
13. Philadelphia Eagles	9	8	0	234	13
14. Pittsburgh Steelers	9	7	1	225	16
15. Los Angeles Chargers	9	8	0	220	14
16. New Orleans Saints	9	8	0	192	19
17. Indianapolis Colts	9	8	0	187	11
18. Miami Dolphins	9	8	0	184	18
19. Cleveland Browns	8	9	0	159	20
20. Minnesota Vikings	8	9	0	154	20
21. Baltimore Ravens	8	9	0	153	17
22. Seattle Seahawks	7	10	0	132	25
23. Denver Broncos	7	10	0	121	23
24. Atlanta Falcons	7	10	0	116	22
25. Washington	7	10	0	107	24
26. Chicago Bears	6	11	0	86	26
27. Carolina Panthers	5	12	0	64	27
28. Houston Texans	4	13	0	55	28
29. Detroit Lions	3	13	1	51	31
30. New York Jets	4	13	0	46	29
31. New York Giants	4	13	0	22	30
32. Jacksonville Jaguars	3	14	0	20	32

IN BRIEF

No. 1 Baylor suffers 1st loss of season

News services

No. 1 Baylor and No. 5 USC suffered their first losses of the season Tuesday night.

The Bears and Trojans were the only undefeated teams remaining in Division I men's basketball. Baylor's 21-game winning streak, which

started last season en route to the national championship, ended with a 65-62 loss to No. 19 Texas Tech in Waco, Texas. Kevin McCullar, who had missed the Red Raiders' previous two games due to an ankle injury, returned against the Bears to score

12 points off the bench and was one of five double-digit scorers for Texas Tech. Adonis Arms led the team with 14 points. Texas Tech (12-3, 2-1 Big 12) played without Terrence Shannon Jr., the team's leading scorer (14.3 points per game), who

missed his sixth consecutive game while dealing with a lingering back injury. Baylor (15-1, 3-1) had been the first defending champion since Duke in 2001-02 to be the last remaining unbeaten team

in college basketball. Harrison Ingram and Spencer Jones scored 21 points apiece and Stanford beat No. 5 Southern California 75-69 for its first win over a top five team in nearly 15 years.

The host Cardinal (9-4, 2-1 Pac-12) returned from a nearly three-week break for COVID-19 protocols and delivered a big win in a nearly empty arena.

Stanford had lost 14 straight games against teams in the top five l since beating No. 3 UCLA 75-68 on Jan. 28, 2007.

The Trojans (13-1, 3-1) were looking to tie the 2016-17 team for the school's best start in more than 50 years. USC missed six of seven shots and three

free throws over the final five minutes.

Golf: Tim Rosaforte, the first journalist to be awarded honorary membership by the PGA of America, died after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 66.

NBA: The Cavaliers and GM Koby Altman

agreed to a contract extension through the 2027-28 season, ESPN reported. Altman, 39, also will assume a new title of president of basketball operations.

NFL: The Giants fired coach Joe Judge after his two losing seasons with the team. The move comes a day after GM Dave Gettleman, 70, retired after four seasons on the

NHL: G Tuukka Rask, the 2014 Vezina Trophy winner, signed a \$545,000 contract for the rest of the season with the Bruins. Rask, 34, has played his entire career with the Bruins. He was a free agent who remained unsigned while recovering from surgery to repair a torn hip labrum. ... Islanders coach Barry Trotz was placed

in the league's COVID-19 protocol . He had just returned to the team Saturday after taking a leave of absence. ... Nikita Kucherov scored a hat trick, Steven Stamokos had a goal and two assists, and the Lightning beat the Sabres 6-1. Anthony Cirelli had a goal and an assist, Ondrej Palat extended his scoring streak to four games, and the Lightning got three assists from Alex Killorn and two from Victor Hedman. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 17 saves for his 20th win of the season. The Lightning (24-9-5) have won three of four to keep pace with the Panthers atop the NHL standings with 53 points. Vinnie Hinostroza scored for the Sabres, who have lost seven in a row at home and dropped to 3-13-4 over their last 20 games.



UConn guard R.J. Cole drives against Seton Hall during the first half Saturday in Newark, New Jersey. ADAM HUNGER/AP

Huskies

was killing it in practice it would be mutiny on this ship if I was holding a guy back. Throughout my career as a coach, I've played freshmen, started them, played them in significant roles. Throughout the multitude of places I've been, you look at these games that we are playing there is not many freshmen that are out on the court period.

"You got to be patient to become a good player. You force your way out on the court with how you show up for practice every day. When you consistently show us you are a better option than what we are sending out on the court, then you go out there.'

After so much time away, the team is ready to be back in front of the passionate UConn faithful.

"Hopefully we get a great home crowd on Wednesday night," Hurley said. "In Gampel, in a place that we love to play, hopefully a great home crowd will give us that added boost."

The Huskies and Red Storm are both coming off losses in two of their last three games. UConn will have its hands full against St. John's forward Julian Champagine, averaging 20.7 points per game on 45.8% shooting from the field.

"Champagine is an NBA player," Hurley said. "I think you go into the game knowing that you got to do a great job on Champagine and [Alexander Posh it starts there. ... Champagine and Posh are guys that hurt us last year, especially Posh."

Here's everything you need to know about Wednesday night's matchup.

The basics

UConn vs. St John's Time: 8:30 p.m.

Place: Gampel Pavilion, Storrs Series: St. John's leads 36-28 Last meeting: St John's won, 74-70, on Jan. 18, 2021 at Gampel Pavilion TV: FS1 (Aaron Goldsmith, Donny

Marshall) Live Stream: Fox Sports app Radio: UConn Sports Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman). Sirius-85. XM-383. SXM-app-975. 97.9-ESPN

Hartford. WILI-1400-AM (Willimantic). WATR-1320-AM (Waterbury). WAVZ-1300-AM (New Haven). WGCH-1490-AM (Greenwich).

St. John's (9-4, 1-1) probable starters, sixth man

Julian Champagine, F, 6-8, Jr.; Joel Soriano, C, 6-11, Jr.; Posh Alexander, G, 6-0, So.; Dylan Addae-Wusu, G, 6-4, So.; Montez Mathis, G, 6-4, Sr.; Aaron Wheeler, F, 6-9, Gr.

UConn (10-4, 1-2) probable starters, sixth man

R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, GS; Isaiah Whaley, F, 6-9, GS; Adama Sanogo, F, 6-9, So.; Tyrese Martin, G/F, 6-6, Sr.; Andre Jackson, G/F, 6-6, So.; Jordan Hawkins, G, 6-5, Fr.

The matchup

UConn offense: The Huskies need

continue their hot shooting from beyond the arc, while making sure to limit turnovers after having 19 in their last game.

UConn defense: St. John's plays with the fourth-best pace in NCAA Division I, so it is essential that the Huskies get back on defense to prevent easy

St John's offense: Champagine leads the team in scoring, averaging 20.7 points per game, but is coming off an up-and-down week. Last Wednesday against DePaul, the junior wing recorded a career-high 34 points and 16 rebounds. Three days later, he went went 0-for-8 from deep and finished with just 11 points, his lowest total since March of 2020.

St John's defense: The Red Storm are averaging 9.9 steals a game, tied for 14th in NCAA Division I, so UConn can't get careless

UConn's key: The Huskies need to limit turnovers while making sure to play good guard defense.

Player to watch: Cole. How well he shoots while guarding St. John's guards will be a huge factor.

About St John's coach: Mike Anderson is in his third season at St. John's. He has a 411-230 career record in 20 seasons and has never had a losing season as a college basketball coach.

St John's mascot: The Red Storm's mascot is Johnny Thunderbird, chosen

St John's famous alumni: NBA Hall of Famer Chris Mullin and other former NBA stars, including Malik Sealy, Mark Jackson and Metta Sandiford-Artest.

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UConn

game cancellations due to COVID-19 issues, having last played Dec. 29. Its sole win of the season came against Evansville, 75-67.

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup:

The basics

Maria Marino)

Site: Hinkle Fieldhouse Time: 7 p.m. Series: UConn leads, 2-0 Last meeting: No.1 UConn 97, Butler 68, Feb. 27, 2021, in Indianapolis. TV: SNY (Allen Bestwick, Meg Culmo,

Stream: In-market SNY viewers with access to the network can watch via the NBC Sports app: http://stream. nbcsports.com/rsn/sny.Out-of-market viewers can watch on the Fox Sports App or at https://www.foxsports.com/ as well as on the FOX Now app or at www.fox. com/sports. The games might not appear on those sites until right around tipoff. Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

Butler probable starters, sixth man

Zoe Jackson, G, 5-7, Fr.; Alex Richard, F,

6-1, Fr.; Trinity White, G, 5-9, Fr.; Celena Taborn, F, 6-3, Gr.; Kendall Wingler, G, 5-10, R-Fr.; Emilia Sexton, G, 5-4, Sr.

UConn probable starters, sixth man

Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Evina Westbrook, G, 6-0, R-Sr.; Dorka Juhász, F, 6-5, Gr.; Caroline Ducharme, G, 6-2, Fr.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.

The matchup

UConn's defense: Since Bueckers went down with her injury, Ducharme has led UConn in scoring at 14.3 points per game. The team overall is averaging 60.5 points in that span, practically unheard of for a UConn team. Turnovers have also been an issue, such as Sunday when the Huskies committed

UConn's defense: The Huskies' bread and butter this season, especially now with Bueckers out. Teams are scoring just 60.9 points per game on 37.2%

Butler's offense: The Bulldogs average 62.5 points per game on 41.3% shooting. They take a decent amount of 3s but make just 27.4%. Taborn (a forward who boasts a team-best 14.4 points per game) leads the NCAA with a 74.6% clip from the field. Butler's

21.1 turnovers per game are a point of concern.

Butler's defense: Butler's defense is unable to compensate for its low-scoring offense, as the Bulldogs allow 78.8 points per game on 44.1% shooting. Taborn and Tenley Dowell are their top rebounders, but the team largely struggles on the glass.

UConn keys: Take advantage of size inside to score, dominate glass; cut down unforced errors, particularly turnovers and travel calls; another solid defensive outing, turn Butler turnovers into points on the other end

Players to watch: In her second game back from a foot injury that kept her out three games, how much will Nika Mühl be able to play? Can she cut down on fouls so she can make more of an impact?

About Butler's coach: Kurt Godlevske is in his eighth season as head coach at Butler and is 91-128. He was tabbed Big East coach of the year in 2018-19 when the Bulldogs went

Butler's mascot: Butler Blue IV Famous alumni: Former Second Lady Karen Pence, basketball coach Scott Drew, basketball player Gordon Hayward

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Sanderson to play for US; college stars eye chance

Associated Press

Jake Sanderson felt bad that he would be missing a handful of games at North Dakota to play at the Olym-

When he expressed that sentiment to his college teammates and coaches, the star defenseman was greeted with support. It was already an easy choice for Sanderson to suit up for the United States in Beijing, and that made it even simpler.

"It was kind of a no-brainer," he said. "It's kind of something you can't really pass up. It's the Olympics. You don't know if you'll ever be able to play in the Olympics in your lifetime.

After the NHL decided to withdraw from the 2022 Games, an opportunity of a lifetime was suddenly available for Sanderson, Michigan's Owen Power and Matty Beniers, and other players in the U.S. college ranks with USA Hockey and Hockey Canada eyeing the NCAA for top talent to fill their rosters. College players deciding whether to leave school for a few weeks to go to Beijing can look no further than the 2018 Olympics for some strong evidence in the yes column.

Anaheim's Troy Terry, Minnesota's Jordan Greenway and Seattle's Ryan Donato all skated for the U.S. in Pyeongchang on a team made up of mostly older professionals playing in Europe. They've since combined to play in 611 NHL games.

"I would tell those guys if they got the chance to cherish it, enjoy and make the most of it," Donato said. "Coming from college, it was obviously a little nerve-wracking because vou have all these guys that have played in the NHL and I think it does do a lot for vour confidence realizing that you could hang around with these guys."

Sanderson, a Whitefish, Montana, native taken by Ottawa with the fifth pick in the 2020 draft, has already accepted his invitation. The top two NHL picks in 2021 — Power, who went first to Buffalo. and Beniers, who went to Seattle — have each been invited to play for Canada and the U.S., respectively. Michigan teammates Brendan Brisson (U.S.) and Kent Johnson (Canada) are also Olympic candidates.

Greenway and Terry were U.S. candidates when it looked like the NHL was halting its season for almost three weeks to let the world's best hockey players play in the Olympics for the first time since 2018.

Greenway said he probably would have gone if chosen, especially if virus testing and quarantine restrictions were modified because, like many would-be participants, those were his biggest concerns. That's the major difference from 2018.

"There's also other factors that go into it now because of the circumstances and the situation, which I understand," Greenway said. "I think it is maybe a little bit more of a question. It's not a no-brainer, let's say, maybe now. It could be a little bit different for those guys. You take the hockey part alone and the experience and everything that goes into that, it's a special, special experience."

U.S. general manager John Vanbiesbrouck and coach David Quinn believed the Olympic experience was a strong selling point, even taking pandemic and college duties into account. One additional motivation is that the world junior championship was canceled last month over fears of a virus outbreak, and the Olympics could serve as something of a do-over for that tournament for several players under the age of 20.

Still, Quinn realized trying to convince active college players to go to Beijing is not the same as his days recruiting at Boston University.

"These circumstances are a lot different," Quinn said. "Leaving the team in the middle of the season and with the COVID situation, there's a lot of hurdles. a lot of obstacles. But I think everyone wants to play in the Olympics."

Mel Pearson, who is coaching Michigan with a powerhouse roster and a legitimate shot at a national championship, has told players he's supportive of them going to the Olympics.

BRUINS

Rask agrees to 1-year deal to return to Boston

Associated Press

BOSTON - The Boston Bruins on Tuesday signed Tuukka Rask for the rest of the season, bringing back the winningest goalie in franchise history after he recovered from offseason hip surgery.

General manager Don Sweeney said Rask will back up Linus Ullmark for Wednesday night's game against the rival Montreal Canadiens, with 23-yearold rookie Jeremy Swayman headed to Providence of the AHL. The Bruins are also scheduled to play on Thursday, against the Philadelphia Flyers, but no

they're not human. Drivers still need to be able to respond

quickly in road situations. Always drive defensively.

decision has been made. Sweeney said.

Rask, 34, was a free agent who remained unsigned while he recovered from an operation to repair a torn labrum in his hip. He agreed to a prorated \$1 million, one-year deal that will pay him \$545,000.

Sweeney thanked Rask and his agent, Markus Lehto, for the teamfriendly deal.

"He just wanted to be part of a group that he spent his entire career with," Sweeney said. "They're not blind to the salary cap challenges we all face. I appreciate them working with us on that."



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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Questions arise over Djokovic's travel

Novak Djokovic held a practice session Tuesday, a day after he left immigration detention, focusing on defending his Australian Open title even while he still faces the prospect of deportation because he's not vaccinated against COVID-19. The top-ranked tennis star hit the show courts of Melbourne Park, where the tournament is held, within hours of winning a legal battle that allowed him to stay in the country. At issue is whether he has a valid exemption to rules requiring vaccination to enter Australia since he recently recovered from COVID-19. A judge ruled Monday he could stay, but the immigration minister could still send him home. There were also new questions raised Tuesday over an immigration form, on which he said he hadn't traveled in the 14 days before his flight to Australia. The Monte Carlo-based athlete was seen in Spain and Serbia in that two-week period. Soon after Djokovic's practice session Tuesday, Australian Open organizers made the nine-time champion the top seed in the men's singles draw. Djokovic still faces the prospect of deportation before the first match. The office of Immigration Minister Alex Hawke said in a statement that it's still considering using his power to deport the 34-year-old Serbian.

Watson joining Jack, Gary on 1st tee



Six years after Tom Watson played the Masters for the 43rd time, the two-time champion returns in April to hit the ceremonial tee shot alongside Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player. Watson, who held off Nicklaus in his Masters victories in 1977 and 1981, becomes the 11th player to be an honorary starter

dating to 1963. All but four of them were Masters champions, including Lee Elder, the first Black golfer to complete in the Masters in 1975. Elder was invited to be a one-time honorary starter last year, though his health kept him from swinging a club. While the club wasn't specific, Watson is likely to be a regular on the first tee each Thursday morning, a simple act that draws thousands of fans around the tee and spilling down both sides of the fairway. A generation behind the "Big Three" of Arnold Palmer, Nicklaus and Player, Watson was the next great one in golf. He won eight majors in his Hall of Fame career, all but the PGA Championship. Nicklaus, the six-time Masters champion, has been an honorary starter since 2010, while Player, a three-time winner, started in 2012.

US soccer single-pay deal not done

The unions for the U.S. women's and men's national teams have not committed to agreeing to a single pay structure proposed by the U.S. Soccer Federation, the head of the federation said in a letter to fans Tuesday. The federation's board refused to move ahead with a deal structure agreed to last spring by the men's union with USSF executive director Will Wilson, The AP reported. That structure was agreed to only after the men threatened to strike ahead of the CONCACAF Nations League final on June 6, the person said. USSF President Cindy Parlow Cone and Wilson, speaking during a media conference call Tuesday, declined to go into details of what occurred. "As is the case in any negotiation, there's a lot to work through," Wilson said. The federation went public with its prize money proposal in September and in November met jointly with the two unions, who under federal law are not obligated to reach similar collective bargaining agreements. "What we're talking about here is equalized prize money, identical game bonuses, identical commercial revenue-sharing agreement," Parlow Cone said. "But will there be differences in the contracts? Yes, because the teams are different, and they have different needs."

CFP CHAMPIONSHIP

Dawgs finally have their day

Georgia shows real grit, rallies for 1st national title since 1980

By Paul Newberry Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - After 41 agonizing years, the Georgia Bulldogs were not about to let another championship slip through their fingers.

Not even after a bizarre fumble and recovery handed Alabama a go-ahead touchdown with just over 10 minutes to go in the national title game Monday night.

The gritty Bulldogs and their undersized quarterback, the former walk-on known as The Mailman," finally delivered a national championship to the red-and-black faithful.

The fact that they did it against Nick Saban and the mighty Crimson Tide, the team that had dished out one heartache after another to the Dawgs, only made the triumph that much sweeter.

And on top of the Atlanta Braves winning a World Series? Suddenly, a city and state that has known so much sporting misery can call itself Winnersville, U.S.A.

Let the party begin!

"I felt like I got hit by a train," quipped Georgia safety Lewis Cine, the game's defensive MVP, at morning-after news conference following a very short night.

The final was 33-18 — a deceiving score for a game that was an ugly, old-school battle of field goals for nearly three quarters.

It was a thing of beauty for the Bulldogs. "I tell you what, there's gonna be some property torn up in Indianapolis tonight,"

coach Kirby Smart screamed after giving a big smooch to the championship trophy, harkening up the celebratory words once spoken by Georgia's late radio play-by-play man, Larry Munson.

That wasn't the only gesture tying together all the years since Georgia's last national title.

Smart embraced 89-year-old Vince Dooley, the coach of that previous title team, who had only recently recovered from a bout with COVID-19 before making the trek to

They're both championship coaches now. Smart earned his trophy with a dominant defense - which bounced back resoundingly from a 41-24 beating delivered by Alabama in the SEC championship game and a much-debated decision to stick with Stetson Bennett as his quarterback instead of the more heralded JT Daniels.

Alabama led 9-6 until Zamir White scored the first TD of the night on a 1-yard run, sending the Bulldogs to the final period up 13-9.

After Alabama's fourth field goal made it a one-point game, the Tide caught a huge

It was the sort of play that snake-bit Georgia had come to expect over the years, as every attempt to win its first national title since 1980 was turned away.

Under heavy pressure, Bennett tried to



Georgia coach Kirby Smart and linebacker Nolan Smith celebrate moments after beating SEC rival Alabama 33-18 in the College Football Playoff championship game on Monday night at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. CURTIS COMPTON/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION VIA AP

throw the ball away. But it slipped off his fingertips a split-second before his right arm came forward, making it a fumble.

Everyone in the stadium thought it was an incomplete pass, even Alabama's Brian Branch, who nonchalantly collected the wobbling ball in his arms just before he stepped out of bounds.

The officials upheld their fumble call after a lengthy video review.

Alabama quickly scored its first touchdown of the game. Just like that, the Tide were back in front 18-13, and every Georgia fan — from Indianapolis all the way back to the Peach State — was envisioning how they'd be moaning about that crazy play in the days and weeks and years to come.

Only, these Bulldogs wrote a different

This time, it's champagne all around.

Bennett, who originally walked on at Georgia and even spent a year playing at a junior college, justified Smart's faith after his big mistake.

"Our defense played such a great game," Bennett said. "I wasn't going to be the reason we lost the game."

With fire in his eyes, the fifth-year senior needed just four plays and a pass interference penalty to guide the Bulldogs on a touchdown drive that will be remembered as long as games are played between the hedges in Athens, Georgia.

The capper was a 40-yard throw to freshman Adonai Mitchell in the right corner of a end zone, putting the Bulldogs back on top to stay at 19-18 after a 2-point conversion failed.

That drive, that score, seemed to lift the

cloud that has hovered over this program

since its only consensus national title. When Georgia got the ball back again, Bennett extended the lead with a 15-yard TD throw to another freshman, Brock Bowers.

And, finally, with Alabama and its Heisman Trophy-winning QB, Bryce Young, trying to muster a drive that could force overtime, Kelee Ringo picked off a pass and sped 79 yards for the clinching score.

After watching five other SEC schools win a total of 15 national titles since its last championship – seven of them by Alabama, including a couple at Georgia's direct expense — the Bulldogs are back on top.

"I told our guys, 'The only way you're getting home is through them,' "Smart said, referring to Saban, his former boss, and the Tide. "And they did it."

'Bama bounceback? Tide look like favorite in '22

By John Zenor Associated Press

It never seems hard for Alabama to find a silver lining amid a late-night gloom and doom of a season-ending defeat.

The Crimson Tide (13-2) fell short of a repeat national title with a 33-18 loss to Georgia in Monday night's College Football Playoff championship game.

But as usual, Nick Saban and Alabama will be among the preseason favorites.

There's reason to believe the 2022 version of the Tide will be better than a young but resilient team this season. Alabama looked vulnerable for much of this season and unbeatable in the SEC championship game against the Bulldogs and again in its semifinal win over Cincinnati

Saban's two biggest stars — Heisman Trophy-winning QB Bryce Young and linebacker Will Anderson — are only sophomores. And, like the expectations he has

his team, Saban believes those players will bounce back.

"They're great competitors," Saban said. "Great competitors always respond well to adversity. There's nobody that feels worse about losing this game than these two guys."

Young and Anderson produced two of the best seasons in Alabama history at their positions. The poised QB and devastating pass rusher are coming back for at least one more crack at helping Saban bring a national title to Tuscaloosa for the seventh time.

This team won eight straight games after a loss to then-unranked Texas A&M. Some growing pains were to be expected, especially for an offense that had to replace five first-round NFL draft picks and a team that lost some key players to injuries.

The top cornerbacks — Josh Jobe and Jalyn Armour-Davis — both missed the championship game. Alabama finished the

game without its two top receivers. Saban's onetime assistant turned champion, Georgia coach Kirby Smart, had high praise for his old mentor's coaching job given those heavy losses.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for him, the way he runs his program," Smart said. "And really probably one of the best jobs he's ever done with his team, because they were really young at some positions."

Alabama has also ended back-to-back seasons with losses only once in Saban's 15-year tenure, ending on down notes in 2013 and 2014. Another reason for optimism.

This team will surely lose underclassmen to the NFL draft as usual. Left tackle Evan Neal and receivers John Metchie III and Jameson Williams, who sustained a left knee injury in Monday night's game, linebacker Christian Harris and safety Jordan Battle are among the potential first-round picks if they leave early.

Metchie missed the playoffs with a knee injury.

ESPN reported Tuesday night that

Williams suffered a torn ACL and will undergo surgery within the next 10 days.

Tailback Brian Robinson Jr., defensive tackle Phidarian Mathis, cornerback Josh Jobe and right tackle Chris Owens are among the seniors or graduate students.

Linebacker Dallas Turner and cornerback Kool-Aid McKinstry looked like rising stars

Fellow freshman receivers JoJo Earle, Agiye Hall and Ja'Corey Brooks showed flashes of potential with Metchie and Williams both draft eligible.

And Alabama has already landed two potentially key transfers, LSU cornerback Eli Ricks and Georgia Tech running back Jahmyr Gibbs after huge impacts from Williams (Ohio State) and middle linebacker Henry To'oTo'o (Tennessee).

It lays a foundation for a team that will be expected to contend again.

And maybe next season's team will be able to go one step farther.

WEATHER



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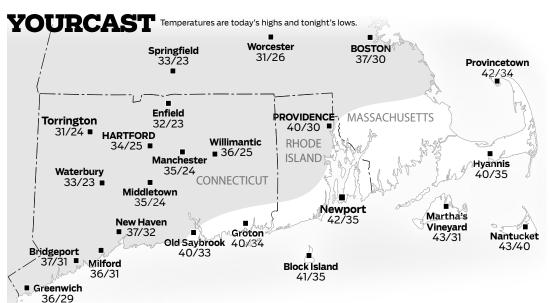
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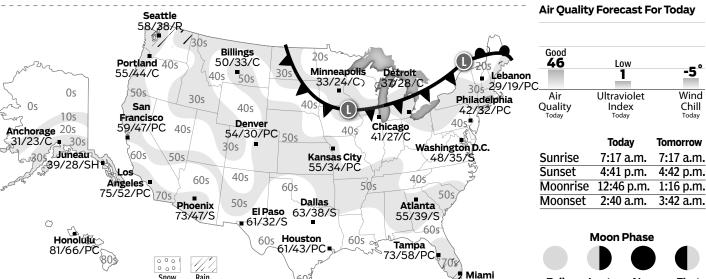
Sunshine in the morning, increasing afternoon cloudiness.

SUNDAY

27° LOW 16







60\$

San Juan

WORLD

Amsterdam

Tucson

Athens

Beiiing

Beirut

Berlin

Bermuda

Bangkok

Barbados

OUTLOOK

Tuesday's arctic air is in the process of leaving Connecticut Wednesday morning, but don't misplace the jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves as more arctic air will be arriving for the start of the weekend. In the meantime, temperatures will return to seasonable levels on Wednesday with highs in the mid-30s, then it will be a few degrees milder on Thursday. Temperatures will be seasonable Friday. Following Saturday's arctic blast, there is the potential for a significant storm Sunday night and Monday. It's far too early for any guarantees, but a windy, wintry mix storm is possible. -Gary Lessor

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ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches Total Normal Yesterday (by 7 p.m.) Trace 0.11 0.97 1.23 Month to date 0.97 Total this year 1.23 Snowfall In Inches

Yesterday (by 4 p.m.) Trace 0.4 Total this year 9.6 17.0 Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

Air Quality Forecast For Today

Full

Jan 17

Kingston Lisbon

London

Madrid

Milan

Montreal

Moscow

Nassau

Paris

Rome

Seoul

Prague

New Delhi

Mexico City

90 75 PC

61 45 S

69 46 S

43 25 SH

12 0 SN

79 63 T

64 45 PC

41 34 C

34 33 S

88 72 SH

52 32 C

91 75 PC

28 16

45 34

52 30

Last

Jan 25

Stockholm

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Toronto

Warsaw

New

First

Feb 8

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81 70 SH

48 34 S

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28 27 SF

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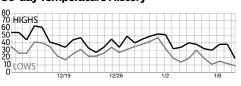
30-day Precipitation History In Inches

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Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	SW, 15-20	SW, 20-25	SW, 20-25
Seas	2-3 ft	2-4 ft	Δ-7 ft

Temperature Tuesday Normal for date Record for date A year ago	High 19 at 1:34 a.m 35 68 in 2020 31	Low 9 at 6:51 p.m 19 -14 in 1988 16
Range this year	52	9

Last **Heating Degree Days** Season Normal Season For July 1 - Jan 11 2203 2319 2579

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere High Low 30.54 at 6 p.m. Barometer 30.12 at 12 a.m. 7° at 2 a.m. Dew point -12° at 3 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MONDAY'S LATE HIGH

SCHOOL RESULTS BOYS BASKETBALL

Albuquerque 55 29 PC

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor

Caribou

Concord

Montpelie

Mt. Wash.

Woods Hole

Atlantic City

NATION

Albany

Portland

Burlington

28 14

28 22 C 15 7 SF

31 19 PC

24 19 C

12 6 C

42 29 PC

32 24 PC

Bismarck

Charleston

Cincinnati

Cleveland

Indianapolis

Jacksonville

Miami Beach

Las Vegas

Milwaukee

Boise

Buffalo

CCC-Inter SOUTHINGTON 63 HAPTEOPD DURI IC 46 HARTFORD PUBLIC (1-4): Abdul Sami 7-0-14 Majors 2-1-7, Jae Owens 1-0-2, Jeyko Santiago 1-0-2. Totals 18-3-46.

SOUTHINGTON (3-4): Luke Penna 6-3-15, Aidan Buck 6-0-12, Ryan Hammarlund 4-3-12, Nathan Cofrancesco 3-0-7, Carson Lentini 1-0-2, Eli Whitehead 2-1-6, Raysean Epps 4-1-9. Totals

HP 6 17 11 12 - 46

19 10 20 14 - 63 CTC

CHENEY TECH 72. VINAL TECH 43 CHENEY TECH (3-2): Kymani Thomas 5-0-14, Xavier McCall 2-3-7, Damnic Gittens 9-3-21, Omar Rios 2-0-4, Kelvin Rios 2-0-4, Luca Dibaccio 1-0-3, Dazhaun Copeland 1-1-3, Adam Mohammed 3-0-6, Leo Lopez 1-0-3, Totals 29-8-72, VINAL TECH (0-3): Luke Gagnon 1-1-4, Joe Koontz 3-1-7, Elijah Kapend 1-0-2, Faizon Alston 0-2-2, Jan Rodriguez 5-2-12, Sheraud Wilder 1-0-2, Bernie Russo 2-1-5, Evan Lepack 4-1-9.

23 12 21 16 - 72 11 4 13 15 - 43

GIRLS BASKETBALL

EAST HARTFORD 44, E.O. SMITH 28

EAST HARTFORD (7-1): Nia Edens 5-0-13, Xayla Henry 4-1-11. Shailyn Pinkney 3-3-10. Victoria Silva-Soto 2-2-6, Savannah Morgan 2-0-4. Totals

E.O. SMITH (6-3): Maddie Hughes 3-1-7, Lilli Clark 2-1-5, Claire Greene 3-2-10, Kate McAvoy 2-0-6, Emily Miller 0-0-0, Madeline Greene 0-0-0. Totals 10-4-28.

8 8 10 18 - 44 5 8 11 4 - 28 EOS

CONARD 64. MANCHESTER 59 (OT)

CONARD (2-5): Callie Cosgrove 13-6-37, Leah Williams 1-2-4, Tat Harrison 3-3-9, Sophia Lynch 1-0-3, Courtney McPhee 3-4-10, Emilia Santiago 0-1-1. Totals 21-16-64.

MANCHESTER (1-6): Madison Boilard 2-5-11, Sanai Worrell 2-3-7, Tiara Tyson 11-4-28, Elise Ryan 1-4-7, Sarah Hesford 2-0-6. Totals 18-16-58.

14 15 12 14 9 - 64 16 16 11 12 4 - 59 C M

GIRLS HOCKEY

EAST CATHOLIC CO-OP 4, CONARD/HALL 2

CH Goals: EC-Meghan Croyle (3), Lexi Pacheco CH-Maggie Samela (2). Saves: EC-Maren CH-Maddie Sweeney, 33. Rec.: EC-3-0-2

HALL 48, FARMINGTON 32

TUESDAY'S HIGH

SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

ENFIELD 62, MALONEY 48 ENFIELD (3-4): Josiah Whaley 5-1-12, Fritz-Carly

Andre 4-1-9, Isaiah Plummer 5-4-18, Alex Herron 4-0-8, Tighe Thebodeau 6-0-15, Jason Mahon 0-0-0. Totals 24-6-62. MALONEY (1-3): Tylee Flowers 4-0-12, Ian Graham 2-0-5, Donte Kelly 4-1-10, Justice Hanna

1-0-2, Marguis Ward 4-3-11, Mekhi Smith 1-0-2, Javonny Deleon 3-0-6. Totals 19-1-48. 14 8 18 22 - 62

14 5 15 14 - 48 Note: Herron had 15rebounds, Carly had 13

rebounds and Whaley had 6assists.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 68, NEW BRITAIN 41 NEW BRITAIN (2-4): Demari Johnson 2-0-6. Xavier Goode 4-0-10, Caleb Cardona 2-0-4, Juan Desiderio 1-0-2, Gerard Brown 4-1-11, Stephen Charneco 1-0-2, Dontay Bishop 2-0-4, Jackson

Forte 2-0-1. Totals 17-1-41 NORTHWEST CATHOLIC (2-1): Matthew Curtis 9-0-21, Jehyvic Spencer 3-0-6, Hayden Abdullah 4-3-12, London Jemison 3-0-6, Tanner Ostop 2-0-4, Gianni Mirabello 4-1-11, Cavin Pollard 3-0-6. Liam Conklin 1-0-2. Totals 29-4-68. BLOOMFIELD 80, SOUTH WINDSOR 44 WETHERSFIELD 54, E.O. SMITH 47

58 41 PC

41 34 S

51 32 PC

73 55 PC

45 31 PC

51 31 S

55 34 PC

63 42 PC

45 30 S KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

73 50 PC

Salt Lake City 45 26 PC

SMSA 73. WINDSOR LOCKS 57

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AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

Nashville

New York

Okla. City

Omaha

Orlando

Raleigh

St. Louis

San Antonio

San Diego

Pittsburgh

New Orleans

40 20 PC

33 19 PC

38 29 C

59 38 PC

48 34 PC

41 31 PC

45 30 PC

65 45 PC

66 45 S

38 25 C

74 66

WINDSOR LOCKS (2-3): Jaydon Buckle 12-1-29, Jaheime Thomas 3-1-8, Chris Vega 2-0-5, Austin Smith 1-0-3, Malike Alassani 2-0-4, Elijah Huggins 1-0-2, Jamari Murrell 3-0-6. Totals 24-2-57. SMSA (7-0): King Shaw 7-1-16, Nizayiah Bogar

4-1-11, Abijah Miller 4-2-10, Kemani Thomps 13-6-34, Zahkeer Kerr 1-0-2. Totals 29-10-73.

7 10 23 17 - 57

13 23 22 15 - 73 Note: Miller had a double-double with 10 rebounds, Thompson had 6steals and Shaw had 4assists, 4steals

COVENTRY 57, HMTCA 48
COVENTRY (2-2): Aiden Jeamel 3-0-6, AJ Rooks
3-0-6, Vinny LoRicco 4-0-9, Wyatt Wendry 6-0-12, Nate Cordner 5-4-15, Gavin Covell 4-1-9. Totals HMTCA (2-4): Seth Moore 3-0-7, Christian Smith

6-0-12, Derrick Sheets 4-0-10, Hector Couvertier 1-2-4, Marcus Calderon 2-0-6, Russell Smith 4-1-9. Totals 20-3-48.

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GRANBY 66, EAST GRANBY 50 EAST GRANBY (3-3): Pat Lakomy 4-0-10,

Jonah Dunlop 3-0-6, Ben Lakomy 2-1-6, Evan Malinowski 5-0-11, Kenzie Vick 1-4-6, Ben Nardi 2-3-7, Kiernan Rudzik 2-0-4. Totals 19-8-50. GRANBY (5-0): Josh Brown 5-5-16, Justin Phillips 10-2-25, Ralph Rossi 5-1-11, Andrew Guilliano 1-1-3, Russell Brown 2-0-6, Declan Lynch 1-2-5. Totals 24-11-66. EG

12 10 8 20 - 50 18 21 15 12 - 66

ROCKVILLE 65, CANTON 60 CANTON (3-4): Khalil Thomas 0-2-2, Brandon Powell 4-0-8, Matthew Benedetti 5-1-11, Isaiah Reece 8-1-20, Connor Nadeau 4-0-9, Luke Maher 4-0-10. Totals 25-4-60.

ROCKVILLE (3-3): Weston LaBrecque 6-10-24 Cam Washington 2-0-5, Dylan Resendes 1-3-5, John Rvan 5-0-10. Eric Montez Jr. 1-0-2. Javder Tate 5-2-13, Juniel Powell 2-0-6. Totals 22-15-65.

16 11 23 7 - 60 10 9 20 26 - 65

ELLINGTON 59, EAST WINDSOR 33

CHENEY TECH 54, GOODWIN TECH 38

CIVIC LEADERSHIP 53, MLC 45

MLC (1-3): Alec Lorenzo 5-1-13, Trey Moses 2-0-4, Jarell Deer 1-0-2, Ronald Baapogmah 0-1-1. Alex Grice Jr. 5-0-10. Zamar Gibson 3-0-6 Aaron Belcher 1-0-2, Martvin Luzon 0-2-2, , Alex G. 1-3-5. Totals 18-7-45.

CIVIC LEADERSHIP (1-4): Kyon McCray 3-0-8, Noah Hicks 4-8-18, Chris Norton 5-1-12, Dono-van Brown 1-4-7, Javier Negron 2-2-8. Totals 15-15-53.

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WEAVER 59, AEROSPACE 48

AEROSPACE (2-4): Rayquanne Bogle 4-0-9, Alex Small 4-3-13, Kooper Ashmore 3-0-8, Justin Smith 0-2-2, Kevin Clarke 7-2-16. Totals 19-7-48. WEAVER (3-3): Stephen Wilson 1-0-3, Damar Artis 2-0-5, Mahari Taylor 3-0-7, Madden Cupe 5-2-15, Nazir Nowlin 3-3-10, Chris Wilson 8-2-19. Totals 20-7-59.

13 12 12 11 - 48 6 17 18 18 - 59

CAPITAL PREP 81, INNOVATION 37 CAPITAL PREP (2-2): Keyshawn Mitchell 8-4-20, Quincy Ferguson 4-6-16, Mekhi Tyson-Slaughter 5-1-14, Elijah Graig 4-2-10, Nehemiah Johnson 3-0-7, Omarie C. 2-0-6, Makai G. 1-0-3, Devaun R. 1-0-2. Totals 28-13-81.

INNOVATION (1-4): Tyvonn Thompson 2-9-13, Jamal Kulaib 0-1-1, Amir Bolden 0-1-1, Adam Renta 2-2-6, Amari Cruz 4-0-8, Jayden Newell Kemp 4-0-8. Totals 12-13-37.

17 16 28 17 - 81 10 11 2 14 - 37

ACHIEVEMENT FIRST 72. PARISH HILL 31

75/64/T

34 18 PC

90 75 PC

69 50 PC

80 66 SH

41 34 SF

64 61 PC

39 32 SN

61 45 PC

С

73 61

46 36 49 44

Johannesburg 79 61

Budapest

Cairo

Dubai

Dublin

Edinburgh

Hong Kong

Helsinki

Istanbul

Jerusalem

Cancun

Buenos Aires

71 41

43 34 PC

45 36 C

37 19 S

70 57 SH

63 58 PC

93 77

84 70

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PLATT 47, BRISTOL CENTRAL 35

NEWINGTON 61, BERLIN 32 BERLIN (3-4): Jenna Wenzel 0-4-4, Janessa Yaconiello 1-1-3, Ava Desmaurice 0-3-3, Rylee Cop 2-2-6, Clare McGeever 1-0-2, Emma Ellison 2-2-6, Kailee DeMaio 2-4-8. Totals 8-16-32.

NEWINGTON (9-0): Lilly Ferguson 6-2-14, Adriana Romano 5-1-13, Marlie Zocco 2-0-6, Arianna Barnes 2-0-4, Ella Stair 2-2-8, Bela Cucuta 4-0-11, Brianna Gadarowski 2-0-5. Totals 23-5-61.

10 10 2 10 - 32 17 13 16 15 - 61

BRISTOL EASTERN 59, EAST CATHOLIC 47 EAST CATHOLIC (0-6): Kayliana Salazer 3-0-8, Alexis Jablonecki 5-0-10, Zoe Latina 5-0-10, Nicole May 6-2-14, Jillian Vichi 2-0-5. Totals

BRISTOL EASTERN (2-3): Taigan Parent 3-0-6, Vanessa Drury 2-0-4, Ciara Collins 9-3-24, Leah Roy 1-0-2, Janessa Gonzalez 7-2-16, Lauren Ayotte 1-0-2, Gracie Lamar 2-1-5. Totals 25-6-59.

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DHAM 42 I FWIS MILLS 14

RHAM (8-0): Maddy Evans 5-0-12, Sarah West 2-1-5, Ailish Kleinhen 2-1-7, Madelena Graves 1-0-3, Lauren Fenton 1-0-2, Katherine Chapman 2-2-6, Grace Whitmore 1-0-3, Addison Brown 1-2-4. Totals 15-6-42.

LEWIS MILLS (2-4): Lauren Searle 1-0-2, Jordan Anderson 1-0-3, Riley Mills 3-1-8, Abriana Wroblewski 0-0-0, Lillian Martineau 0-1-1. Totals

3 4 6 1 - 14

MIDDLETOWN 80, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 65 NORTHWEST CATHOLIC (3-2): Abby Hubert 4-1-9, Maeve Rushin 2-2-6, Morgan Murphy 7-3-19, Susanna Schaub 1-0-2, Trinity Cruz 1-0-2, Brianna Lebrun 10-5-25, Brooke Popella 1-0-2. Totals 16-11-65. MIDDLETOWN (7-1): Jada Bryant 3-4-10, Alexa

DeSena 3-2-8, Tyah Pettaway 12-0-26, Jahne Carrenard 1-0-2, Tajahnae Brock 1-1-3, Shadae Bushay 13-2-31. Totals 33-9-80.

9 18 16 22 - 65 23 24 20 13 - 80

FARMINGTON 46, NEW BRITAIN 37

WINDSOR LOCKS 49, SMSA 11 SMSA (1-6): Mia Candelario 1-0-2, Nairoby

Hiraldo 1-0-2, Aiyana Brown 3-1-7, Charis Krevalin 0-0-0, Praise Ikeh 0-0-0. Totals 5-1-11. WINDSOR LOCKS (4-1): Alana Picard 4-0-8 Carly MacDougald 2-1-6, Tristin Oberg 4-0-8, Lisa Bethel 1-0-2, Katie Gough 1-0-2, Destiny Anderson 2-0-4, Maeve McGinnis 1-0-2, Caroline McGinnis 1-0-2, Angelina Jones 1-0-3, Alis Oberg 2-0-5, Isabella Canon 1-0-2, Jordan Lucas 1-1-3, Noslen Perez 1-0-2. Totals 22-2-49.

0 7 4 0 - 11 23 12 8 6 - 49 WL

Note: Picard had 5assists, 5steals. ELLINGTON 43, EAST WINDSOR 25 ELLINGTON (2-2): Grace Bontempo 2-0-4, Jaela Garrow 1-0-2, Jenna Garrow 0-1-1, Ali Kozik 1-0-2, Hannah Kozik 4-1-9, Liz McGuirl 2-1-6, Julia Sternat 4-0-10, Abbie Tishon 1-0-3, Sophia Vrakas 2-1-6. Totals 17-4-43. EAST WINDSOR (4-3): Sammi Ruggiero 0-1-1, Bailey Winner 6-6-18, Katie Blume 3-0-6. Totals 9-7-25.

10 13 13 7 - 43 5 7 7 6 - 25 EW

COVENTRY 54, HMTCA 8

Shoreline

EAST HAMPTON 54, HALE-RAY 18 EAST HAMPTON (6-1): Amber Murphy 1-0-2, Olivia DeMartino 6-0-14, Liana Salamone 5-2-13, Delaney Russell 1-0-2, Jackie Russell 6-0-17, Jordan Murphy 1-1-3, Leah Kohler 1-0-2. Totals HALE-RAY (0-4): Kayla Bartolotta 2-0-4, Jackie

Goetz 1-0-2, Kenzie Purdell 3-2-10, Mackenzie

Albert 1-0-2. Totals 7-2-18.

WINDHAM TECH 40. NORWICH TECH 13 WINDHAM TECH (5-3): Alyssa Czymr 0-1-1, Julia Phouangphiarith 3-3-9, Baylee Miller 1-1-3, Dionna Roberts 4-1-9, Hannah Nuhfer 0-1-1, .-11, Ella Ausburger 1-0-

Catlin Ferris 1-0-2, Mackenzie Braunstein 1-0-2. Totals 16-8-40. NORWICH TECH (2-6): Kaylee Gray 1-0-2 Autumn Lovett 1-0-2, Autumn Hanks 2-0-4, Anna Maynard 1-0-2, Alora Butler 1-0-2, Ashlyn Bill

0-1-1. Totals 6-1-13. 7 20 10 3 - 40 1 0 8 4 - 13 WT

Note: Koiva had a double-double with 10 rebounds and Phouangphiarith had 7steals, 5 **GOODWIN TECH 33. CHENEY TECH 13** GOODWIN TECH (4-3): Avalise Hernandez 2-0-4, Tomoya Bennett 0-1-1, Ericka Aponte 3-3-9,

Megan Lukaszewski 3-2-10. Dezarava Trustv 1-0-2, Mariela Cartegena 2-0-5, Arianna White 1-0-2. Totals 12-6-33. CHENEY TECH (2-5): Hayley Pierce 1-0-3, La'Joy Edwards 1-0-2, Tahira Jilu 3-0-6, Myaliz Lopez 0-2-2, Millie Sutherland 0-0-0. Totals 5-2-13.

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AEROSPACE 47, INNOVATION 26 INNOVATION (0-6): Kaylah Forde 1-0-2, Karina Falcon 5-0-10. Te'iiah Roberts 3-4-10. Tamara Lopez 1-0-3, Rose Tirado 0-1-1. Totals 10-5-26. AEROSPACE (4-2): Julia McLean 9-0-18, Ashanti

ens 0-3-3, Tara Martindale 3-0-6. Totals 22-3-47. 9 3 7 7 - 26 21 10 4 12 - 47

McLean 8-0-16. Kate Bernier 2-0-4. Justice Kitch

Note: J. McLean had a double-double with 10

rebounds.
UNIVERSITY 42, MLC 18 UNIVERSITY (1-3): Nyrra Hutchinson 2-0-4, Salonge Bonner 1-0-2, Ja'Nyra Foreman 1-0-2 Tierah Childs 4-0-8, Nylah Rogers 11-4-26. Totals

MLC (0-5): Aaliyah Graves 5-4-14, Tene McFarlane 1-0-2, Deajah Minnifield 1-0-2. Totals 7-4-18.

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CONARD 52. ACHIEVEMENT FIRST 12 ACHIEVEMENT FIRST (1-3): De'Asiah Jones 3-0-7,

Arya Grace-Pearson 1-1-3, Kehara Robinson 1-0-2. Totals 5-1-12. CONARD (3-4): Callie Cosgrove 4-0-8, Emily Knowles 7-0-14, Leah Williams 1-0-2, Tatiana Harrison 2-2-6, Sophia Lynch 3-0-6, Courtney McPhee 1-0-2, Teagan DiPippo 1-0-2, Emilia Santiago 2-0-4, Nicole Gorman 3-0-6, Mariah Hill 1-0-2. Totals 25-2-52.

1 0 6 6 - 12 20 9 13 10 - 52

BOYS SWIMMING

MALONEY/PLATT 90, ROCKY HILL 75 Note: Jesse Gasuk won the 50free and 100fly for Rocky Hill. **WETHERSFIELD 99. MIDDLETOWN 85** Note: Jack Kulpa won the 50 and 100 free for

WINDSOR 94, FARMINGTON 86 HAND 85, NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 80 Note: Jonah Kahew won the 2001M and 100fly

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES AT 6:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-South: Lewis Mills at Berlin CCC-Inter: Bristol Central at East Hartford; Hall at Manchester; Simsbury at Tolland **Shoreline:** Portland at Old Saybrook, 7p.m. CTC: Kaynor Tech at Goodwin Tech, 5:30p.m. Others: Sheehan at Amistad, 6p.m.; Stafford at Rocky Hill, 6:30p.m.; University at HMTCA;

Bloomfield at Granby; Lyman Hall at Wilcox Tech. 7p.m.: Branford at Classical, 7p.m.

Shoreline: Coginchaug at Hale-Ray, 6p.m. CTC: Vinal Tech at Cheney Tech, 4p.m.; Wilcox Tech at Prince Tech, 5:30p.m. Amity, 7p.m.; Hamden at Hand, 7p.m. **ECC:** Windham at St. Bernard, 7p.m. Others: Rocky Hill at Weaver, 3:30p.m.; University at HMTCA, 3:45p.m.; Tourtellotte at Windham Tech, 4:30p.m.; SMSA at Civic Leadership, 4:45p.m.; Goodwin Tech at Terryville, 5:30p.m.; Classical at Hartford Public, 5:30p.m.; Lyman Memorial at Old Lyme, 7p.m.; Amistad at

Morgan, 7p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY CCC-North: East Catholic at South Windsor, 3:10 p.m.; Glastonbury at Farmington Valley, 8p.m. CCC-**South:** Northeastern at Enfield co-op, 3:50 p.m.; Newington co-op at Hall, 7:20p.m. CCC-Inter: Conard at Rocky Hill co-op NHC: Tri-Town at Housatonic co-op, 7:30p.m.

SCC/**SWC:** Notre Dame-Fairfield at Xavier, 3:10 Others: Southington co-op at Guilford, 5:30p.m.; E.O. Smith/Tolland at Woodstock Academy, 7 p.m.; Sheehan at Eastern CT, 7:40p.m.; Simsbury

at Hamden, 8p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

CCC: Simsbury at Avon co-op, 4:30p.m. WRESTLING

CCC-South: Bristol Eastern at Maloney, 6p.m.; Middletown at Bristol Central, 6p.m.; Plainville at Platt, 6p.m. CCC-East: RHAM at E.O. Smith, 6p.m.; Manches-

ter at Enfield, 6p.m. CCC-**West:** Simsbury at Conard, 6p.m. CCC-Inter: Southington at Newington, 6p.m.; Wethersfield at Glastonbury, 6p.m.; Rocky Hill at Berlin, 6p.m.; East Hartford at New Britain, 6 p.m.; Avon at South Windsor, 6p.m.; Windsor at

Platt, 7p.m.

NCCC: Granby at Suffield/Windsor Locks, 6p.m.; Rockville at Coventry, 6p.m.

SCC: East Haven at Xavier, 7p.m.
ECC: Windham at East Lyme/Norwich Tech, 6 p.m.; New London at Bacon Academy, 6p.m. Others: Portland at Somers, 6p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Lyman Memorial/Windham Tech,

BOYS SWIMMING

CCC-Inter: East Catholic at Southington, 3:45 p.m.; East Hartford at Bulkeley/HMTCA, 3:45 p.m.; E.O. Smith/Tolland at Berlin, 3:45p.m.; Avon at Bristol co-op, 3:45p.m.; Northwest Catholic at Enfield, 3:45p.m.

TUESDAY'S COLLEGE

RESULTS MEN'S BASKETBALL **CANISIUS 79. OUINNIPIAC 67** IONA 80, FAIRFIELD 76 MITCHELL AT TRINITY, LATE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TRINITY 66, MITCHELL 38

MEN'S HOCKEY

RIT 3, SACRED HEART 2 WOMEN'S HOCKEY

COLBY 2, WESLEYAN 1 WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE

SCHEDULE MEN'S BASKETBALL

St. John's at UConn (Gampel), 8:30p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

St. Joseph at Elms, 5p.m. UConn at Butler, 7p.m.

Trinity at New England College, 1p.m.